

# A Martial Odyssey

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### Volume 03

## The Stellar Sanctuary

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#### Story Description:

“It is said that when a martial exponent reached the highest state of divinity of their arts, they be able to transcend into Celestials, overcoming the limitation of life and death. And as Celestials, they have to overcome seven celestial divinity, Genesis, Enlighten, Emotion, Transverse, Seventh Sense, Crisis and Ascend in order to transcend to the Heavens.”

A Martial Odyssey is an epic quasi-fantasy/wuxia fiction, of a young man Yi Ping as he braved untold dangers in the martial fraternity. The powerful Honor Manor rules the Orthodox Martial Fraternity, yet there are other equally mysterious martial clans that are outside the influence of the orthodox fraternity; like the Eternal Ice Palace, the Virtuous Palace and the Celestial Palace.

When the Celestial Fairy of the Eternal Ice Palace is rumored to pass away, it immediately attracted the attention of numerous exponents that undertake the perilous journey to the Heavenly Mountains for the martial secrets of the Eternal Ice Palace.

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# Chapter 141: The Peacock Heresy

It took Yi Ping, the Universal Old Man, the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin, Yixian, Youxue, Shi Shi, Jing'Er and Yang Min a good one hour to finally reach the other end of the platform!

While the Goddess Isa, Lele, the Celeste Wind Maiden and Lingfeng were watching at a safe distance, they were nearly nerve racked just by watching them treading slowly in a single file and anxiously hoping that nothing would happen to them!

The martial windforce was lashing most furiously from the middle onward. It was so furious that they could see the furies of the forceful winds on their faces and from their flurrying clothing!

Lingfeng cursed softly, "Old Man, you sure like to take your time..."

Even though the distance was far and the winds were muting the voices but the Universal Old Man had heard the Heaveness. It was because the Heaveness was an internal art expert and while her alluring voice was soft, it could easily be picked up by another internal art practitioner.

The Universal Old Man cursed under his breath as he said to Yi Ping, "If I were to lose my concentration and fall down the bottomless abyss, remember to light a joss stick for me. Remember to ask the Heaveness along for she is the cause of my demise."

Yi Ping was smiled bitterly...

Lie Qing was laughing softly, "I help you to remember!"

The Goddess Aiel chipped in, "I will take vengeance for you for sure. Rest in peace then!"

Han Lin was in no mood for humor. Usually, she was able to make fun in any difficult situation but not today!

She took a peek at Yi Ping and quickly shied away!

Her heart was strangely beating very fast when she was looking at Yi Ping!

The truth was that she had taken a liking for Yi Ping but that was it. She knew very well that it was impossible between them and was reluctant to mess around with either the Goddess Isa or the Goddess Celestial Alice. It was because she knew that Yi Ping was the Dark Cosmos Lord!

But earlier Yi Ping had risked his life to save her!

He had actually jumped down to catch hold of her without any hesitation. If there was any hesitation on his part, he would never, never be able to catch hold of her!

She simply could not believe that Yi Ping could jump down for her sake...

And when she had thought of him clinging close to her...

“Han Lin, what are you doing? You seem to be in a daze.” The Goddess Aiel asked her.

Han Lin muttered, “Nothing...”

The Goddess Aiel muttered, “Don’t you fall again. This time I surely won’t have the strength to save either of you...”

She took a peek at Yi Ping...

Yi Ping of course did not dare to look at her. It was because she was too scantily dressed and she was thoroughly embarrassed that she did not bring an extra dress along...

Han Lin quickly muttered with flushes of red, “Fat hope! I am just careless...this is so embarrassing...”

Jing’Er looked at Han Lin quietly. She had never seen her with such expressions before...

Even the Goddess Aiel was not in her usual self.

The Goddess Aiel was sighing softly to herself.

All of a sudden she had a sudden thought, “If the Dark Chaos Lord is able to aid the Goddess Isa to open her Heaven Eyes again then he may be

able to help me to open my Heaven Eyes again? Should I ask him later? But will he? He just aids the Goddess Isa and has expended at least half of his martial strength. Am I asking for too much?"

She muttered softly, "Maybe the Celestial Fairy can help me to ask him? We are such good sisters previously...my Heavenly Tears Divine Sword..."

Yixian asked gently, "Yes?"

The Goddess Aiel muttered, "Nothing. I just talking to myself...I really happy to see you again Ishtar..."

Yixian smiled weakly, "I am not the one you know. But nevertheless I am really grateful that you have saved my life that day. I have a familiar feeling with you..."

The Goddess Aiel smiled, "Same here..."

But her thoughts quickly returned to what happened that day...

She had felt that she had ruined herself while pretending otherwise. That day when she had exercised her Inverting Universe Intricate Energies to aid the Goddess Isa, Yixian, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Jing'Er, Lie Qing and Yi Ping, she had actually stripped herself...

Even though Yi Ping had closed his eyes at that time but the thought that she was stripping in front of a stranger caused her to be extremely uncomfortable.

To be honest, she did not want to aid Yi Ping at all at the last minute!

But somehow she was quite impressed by him when he had defeated the Mad Conqueror and got rid of him for her...

"What am I doing? For goodness sake. My honor is ruined..." She thought miserably as she held her short skirt tightly down...

And it was an embarrassing pose that she had to maintain for an hour or so...

An hour later, the Universal Old Man was the first to reach the other end of the platform. When he did, he was so exhausted that he had fallen almost flat onto the ground!

But that did not stop him from quickly turning over to look at the naked white slender legs of the Goddess Aiel.

He almost choked when he saw the state of her flimsy and see through silk dress that was almost blown tattered apart!

And Lie Qing too! Her skirt was also too short!

Lie Qing gasped coldly, "You! I dare you to look!

And his nose began to bleed!

For the Goddess Aiel was extremely beautiful and as heavenly moving as the Goddess Isa and the Celestial Fairy!

The Heaveness Lingfeng tapped the Universal Old Man on his shoulder as she said with displeasure, "If you don't exercise your intricate energies to clear your energy channels now, you are going to get phenomenon deviation soon."

But the Universal Old Man did not seem to hear her as he stared blankly at the Goddess Aiel!

The Goddess Aiel muttered weakly, "Hey...don't...look...please..."

But there was not a single response from the Universal Old Man!

So Lingfeng slapped him on his face hard!

But the Universal Old Man continued to stare blankly with his mouth wide-open at the Goddess Aiel!

Lingfeng gave him a martial imbued hard slap as she said coldly, "You are really afflicted by phenomenon deviation! You lecherous old man!"

It was only then that the Universal Old Man seemed to recover from his daze as he stammered hastily, "I...I...no...I was just...thinking...about the...difficulties ahead..."

Just then, Yi Ping, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Youxue, Yang Min, the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin had all stumbled weakly on the platform!

But that did not stop the Goddess Aiel from rushing angrily forward to lift her leg and gave the Universal Old Man a kick on his face!

The Universal Old Man stared at her skirt as he muttered, "Can you do that again..."

Before he could finish what he had intended on his mind, Lele and Youxue were next to him in an instant as they kicked him hard!

Youxue was exasperated, "Yi Ping, is this your protégé master?!"

The Universal Old Man protested weakly, "If I am Yi Ping then you won't kick me..."

Lele said coldly as she brandished her long scythe, "What did you say? If I don't castrate you today then I am not the Joyful Goddess!"

The Goddess Aiel said coldly, "Good! I will surely help you!"

The Universal Old Man was panicky as he protested, "I am a highly attained celestial practitioner. How is it possible for me to be sway by mortal emotions..."

The Goddess Aiel hummed coldly, "My foot!"

Yi Ping was also panicky as he rushed forward. If it was Lele then everything was possible!

He mustered all his last remaining strength as he stepped between the Universal Old Man and the upset maidens, "No wait please!"

Lingfeng said coldly, "Go ahead. I won't help him. I happen to have a Sunflower Sacred Scroll with me. That is especially good for eunuchs."

The Universal Old Man protested weakly as he received several kicks at the same time, "Never! I will never be a feminine gay..."

Yi Ping was now clumsily intercepting blows after blows and kicks after kicks from Youxue, Lingfeng, Lele and the Goddess Aiel at the same time. But he was really too weak and exhausted to stop them...

Shi Shi, Jing'Er and Yang Min were smiling weakly. The Universal Old Man was renowned throughout the lower realm and the Celestial Realm. They could not believe that it was the renowned Universal Old Man was getting beaten up right in front of their eyes!

The Celeste Wind Maiden was also staring in disbelief too!

But she soon looked the other way and stared melancholy at the ground.

Who could understand her innermost feelings?

As a dark celestial practitioner, she had longed to be a Golden Celestial and yearned to be one of the seven top fighters in the Celestial Realm. She used to think these only two things mattered to her. But now she had finally got what she had dreamed but why was she feeling empty all of a sudden?

Or she had finally known what she had always been yearning for after meeting Yi Ping?

But he was like a fleeing cloud that was impossible to hold on to!

Lie Qing had also joined in to hit the Universal Old Man as she said coldly, "If I don't gorge your eyes out then I am not the Heavenly Temptress!"

The Goddess Isa raised her eyebrows as she asked innocently, "So this is an internal strife? Aiel, do you need my help?"

The Universal Old Man turned as white as sheet when he had heard the Goddess Isa!

Yi Ping was in a daze and he had almost fainted with shock!

The Universal Old Man panicky said aloud, "There is no time to lose. Someone else is ahead of us. It will be terrible if the Lord Supreme or the Immortal Saint of Swords gets ahead of us! We must hurry and enter the sealed gate!"

Lingfeng answered coldly, "We still need an hour or so to recuperate your martial strength or it will be suicide to simply barge into the sealed gate..."

All of a sudden Yang Min had coughed out a bout of blood and causing everyone to freeze in place!

Shi Shi and Jing'Er were panicky as they cried out, "Sister! Min'Er!"



Yang Min had turned ashen and she was trembling uncontrollably!

Jing'Er gasped panicky when she had touched her, "Her body...is so hot!"

Yi Ping was also shocked as he asked panicky, "Maiden Yang...are you alright?"

To everyone's surprise, Yang Min opened her eyes weakly to look at Yi Ping.

Yang Min was shivering, "I..."

She was looking extremely pale!

Yi Ping was startled by her appearance and he quickly looked around at the other maidens for help!

Shi Shi was asking panicky, "Sister, are you alright?"

She quickly examined her pulses and said angrily, "Bai Liangong! You!"

Yang Min smiled weakly, "Shi Shi...I am alright..."

However everyone could see that it was not the case!

Yixian had also come to Yang Min aid but as soon as she touched Yang Min, she gasped softly. "Her vital energies are completely in disarray..."

Lele nodded as she examined Yang Min quickly before saying, "Even my Celestial Force is not able to neutralize her conflicting energy channels. She is burning hot and cold at the same time!"

All of a sudden Yi Ping could feel a sudden burning sensation coming from Yang Min and she was looking flustered!

The Goddess Aiel immediately said after taking a look at Yang Min, "How vicious!"

Yi Ping immediately asked, "What's wrong?"

The Goddess Aiel gently touched the forehead of Yang Mi before she hit the back of her neck, "It is the effect of a certain type of drug. If I am not wrong, it is the Peacock Heresy, a powerful aphrodisiac..."

Yang Min had already broken into beads of perspiration and she was

muttering incoherently!

Shi Shi immediately pleaded to the Goddess Aiel, "Please help her..."

The Goddess Aiel smiled bitterly, "I don't have an antidote for her. There is no antidote for this type of drug as far as I know. Usually celestial practitioners like us are immune to the hypnotizing effects these type of drugs but still that also depend on the state of divinity of the practitioners. But there are certain powerful prescriptions that offer no immunity and the Peacock Heresy is one of them. There are many side effects to this drug. It is really so vicious of Bai Liangong to use such a manipulating drug on her."

Jing'Er was pleading, "Mistress, surely you have a remedy? You are so skillful in herbalism. Please do something about it."

The Goddess Aiel sighed softly, "I just say I don't have any remedy and there isn't any antidote to it..."

Yi Ping pleaded panicky, "May the Celestial Mistress helps her please. I am sure you are able to do something..."

The Universal Old Man muttered, "What a bad timing. If even the Sagess Ai says that there is nothing she can do, we shouldn't try to impose upon her. Ancient celestial practitioners like us are ..."

He quickly corrected himself, "Immortal practitioners like her are incapable of lying."

The Goddess Aiel who was also the Sagess Ai interrupted, "Maybe there is a way but I am not so sure about it."

Yi Ping quickly asked anxiously, "May the Celestial Mistress enlightens us!"

Jing'Er and Shi Shi too were pleading anxiously, "May the Sagess Ai enlighten us please!"

The Goddess Aiel muttered shyly, "There are two options as a matter of fact..."

Everyone was startled!

Yi Ping was stammering, "Two options? Quick, tell us..."

The Goddess Aiel looked at the other maidens before she said nonchalantly, "Isn't this obvious? She must lay with a man to preserve her life."

Yi Ping was stunned. It took him a little while to recover, "What is the second option?"

The Goddess Aiel replied coolly, "Actually it is possible to use internal strength to force the effects of the drug out. But only someone whose internal strength isn't negative or positive is able to do so."

Lingfeng asked curiously, "Really? How come I do not know about it?"

The Goddess Aiel replied calmly, "Any practitioner that has managed to attain the Lesser Cosmos Position will be able to use the Diaspora Force to expel the Peacock Heresy."

Yi Ping stammered, "Really?"

The Goddess Aiel nodded, "And you are the only one who has attained past the Lesser Cosmos Position."

Yi Ping muttered, "But I don't know any Diaspora Force..."

The Goddess Isa interrupted with a smile, "You better believe her. The Goddess Aiel used to be at the Lesser Cosmos Position before she got expelled from the outer heavens."

Lingfeng was startled as she gasped, "So high!"

Lele asked, "Is it hard?"

Lingfeng smiled bitterly, "More extreme than you can imagine..."

The Goddess Aiel said blankly, "That is my punishment...that is the past now. Anyway I do remember the intricacy heart formula of the Diaspora Force. It is worth to try but does Yi Ping has any strength left?"

It was because Yi Ping had fought with the divine beast, opened the Heaven Eyes of the Goddess Isa and had just been through an exhausting trial. Till now, he had not rest yet!

Yi Ping muttered weakly, “No matter. I have to try...”

Yang Min was moaning weakly, “So hot...”

She had begun to loosen her attire and even pulling her outer attire off!

Yi Ping was startled as he called out, “Maiden Yang, you must be strong and focus your will. I am going to recite the Absolute Spirits to you. Recite after me...The Will of the Absolute...”

Yang Min had suddenly put her hands on his face and pulled him to her bosoms as she muttered incoherently, “I don’t want...to recite anything...I just want you...”

The Goddess Aiel turned ashen, “Too late! The Peacock Heresy has already attacked her vital heart!”

Jing’Er stammered with shock, “What shall we do now?”

Shi Shi covered her mouth tearfully, “Min’Er, you will be alright... Min’Er...”

Yi Ping could feel the burning sensation that was from Yang Min as he tried to push her away but most of his martial strength had already been spent...

Yang Min alluring eyes were hurt as she asked Yi Ping, “Why are you pushing me away? You...don’t like me? Or...you think I am unworthy of you?”

Yi Ping stammered, “No...”

As he tried to break free of Yang Min, he turned around for help. “Someone help me...help me up...”

But to his surprise, all the maidens were not making any moves!

Yi Ping was startled, “Everyone?”

Lie Qing picked up Yang Min’s outer garment as she started to remove her outer garment. This was soon after followed by the rest of the maidens slowly except for the Goddess Aiel who did not wear any outer garment...

Yi Ping was stunned, "Everyone? What...?"

The Universal Old Man was staring wide-eyed and his jaw simply dropped!

Lingfeng said quietly, "Yang Min is one of us. We are not going to let her die here. It will be such a bad omen. We are going to make a curtain..."

Lele said coldly, "Count yourself lucky, Ping'Er. You bet I will be upset with you for a long time..."

The Universal Old Man muttered, "Maybe...let me..."

After all everyone could tell that Yang Min was a most exquisite lady. She was extremely moving and brilliant as well...

Immediately Lingfeng, Lie Qing, Lele, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel said aloud at the same time, "No!"

The Goddess Isa was in a daze as she muttered, "I...everyone...are they going to...of all places..."

She was blushing shyly because she had recalled that day when she was forced to strip in order to receive treatments from the Goddess Aiel...

Lingfeng tapped her foot lightly as she stared coldly at the Universal Old Man, "You better go back to the entrance and don't let me see you."

The Universal Old Man was stunned as he muttered, "But I just come from there..."

Yang Min was hugging Yi Ping tightly while still moaning incoherently, "You...don't like me?"

Yi Ping said panicky as his mind was now in a daze, "No...yes...no...I mean..."

All of a sudden Yang Min was kissing him as they rolled on the ground.

Just when Yi Ping was about to push her away when she had loosen her grip on him, Yang Min had suddenly removed her inner garment and stunning him!

Shi Shi said panicky, "Quickly, make the curtain!"

Yi Ping called out panicky to the Goddess Aiel, "What is the intricacy heart formula of the Diaspora Force? Quickly tell me..."

The Goddess Aiel replied, "Too late now. Oh, did I forget to tell you this? That even if I tell you the intricacy heart formula of the Diaspora Force, you still have to remove her clothes in order to aid her?"

Jing'Er said shyly to Yi Ping, "You...have better take good care of my sister in the future or else I won't spare you!"

Yi Ping was a complete daze as he stammered aloud, "But...you...are all here..."

Lie Qing smiled softly, "What? Do you need me to teach you or have you forgotten what you did to the Ascension Goddess and Sister Xian'Er that day?"

Yi Ping was stunned as he stammered, "You know..."

Yixian said shyly, "Qing'Er, you!"

But before Yi Ping could protest further, he was once again rolling on the ground with Yang Min as she kissed him...

Her kiss was heavenly and Yi Ping was suddenly overwhelmed by her aromatic sensation that he was not resisting anymore...

# Chapter 142: The Guardian of the Tenth Floor

The curtains were made from the outer garment of the maidens and were fastened together by their weapons.

It was not the weird make shift curtains that got Yang Min's attention nor was she attentive to the others that were at the other side of the curtains.

It was Yi Ping!

And now Yang Min was looking shyly at Yi Ping as she gathered her clothing close to her, "Thank you..."

Yi Ping was flustered, "I...sorry..."

Yang Min and Yi Ping immediately said at the same time, "You don't have to...say sorry (Yang Min)...say thank you (Yi Ping)..."

Both immediately became flustered as they looked down hastily!

Yi Ping said hastily, "I will teach you the Absolute Spirits Intricate Formula so that the effects of the Peacock Heresy will not happen again..."

Yang Min nodded quietly, "And...?"

Yi Ping stammered, "And...?"

Yang Min looked dolefully at him, "Nothing else?"

Her eyes were extremely woeful that it caused Yi Ping to be extremely startled.

Yi Ping asked, "Maiden Yang, what is wrong?"

Yang Min said ruefully, "Why are you being still so polite to me?"

"Because he is dumb!" It was Lele who had said aloud from behind the curtains!

Yang Min and Yi Ping became flustered again. They had forgotten that

the others are behind the curtains!

It seemed that time had stopped for them...

Yang Min quickly said, "You can address me as Min'Er. That is what my sisters Shi Shi and Jing'Er have always addressed me..."

Yi Ping murmured, "Min'Er..."

Yang Min gave a gentle smile, "Good. That is right."

She soon turned to look at the curtains as she said firmly, "But you don't have to feel responsible for anything. I am...no longer chaste a long time ago. After all, you are only trying to help me. What we just experienced was only a physical exchange and not a spiritual exchange..."

"What a callous remark!" It was Lie Qing and she had interrupted coldly from behind the curtains!

"It is really is!" It was Lele!

The Goddess Isa blurted out too, "Only a physical exchange? Hmph!"

"Poor Yi Ping. Fancy he is just a tool that just got made use of." It was Lingfeng and she was equally sarcastic!

Youxue was also remarking coldly, "Or maybe she is secretly wishing otherwise but pretending to be likewise!"

The sharp remarks from these maidens caused Yang Min and Yi Ping to be completely quiet as they looked shyly to the ground...

"Yi Ping, you must take care of Min'Er." It was Jing'Er and her voice was trembling...

Shi Shi said melancholy, "Ping'Er, you have no idea what you are missing..."

Yi Ping really did not dare to look at Yang Min for she was too heavenly to behold that Yi Ping was secretly reciting the Absolute Spirits Intricate Formula to calm himself down...

Yang Min said quietly, "Thank you. We should get ready to storm the sealed gate now, am I right?"



Yi Ping nodded as he replied, "That is right..."

Yang Min said, "Good! Let's get ready! I am dying to know what is on the other side already!"

Yi Ping nodded as he said, "Let go then!"

Lingfeng interrupted, "Not so easy!"

Yi Ping was startled, "Huh?!"

Lingfeng said nonchalantly, "Wait for another hour or so. We still need the time to recuperate our lost vital strength. But not too long because the longer we stay here, the more tired we are."

It was true. It did not matter how good their mediation techniques were; if they had stayed here far longer than necessary, their strength would eventually be sapped by the relentless martial winds that were ever present here!

In short, they were all taking short burst of rest and tried to focus all their martial strength as much as possible within this crucial hour for the forthcoming fight!

Yi Ping was solemn as he asked quietly, "Lingfeng, please tell me what we will encounter inside?"

Lele asked, "I am curious too. Why can't we just barge into the gate instead of suffering from the nerve racking martial windforce that is here?"

There was a soft laughter from Lingfeng from behind the curtains as she said, "It may be nothing."

Yi Ping was startled, "Nothing?"

Lingfeng explained, "On every floor of the Stellar Sanctuary, there are eight different entrances to the next level."

The Goddess Aiel gasped, "Eight? I didn't know about it..."

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, "The Heaveness has been researching the Stellar Sanctuary for a long time and is more attentive

than most.”

Han Lin laughed softly, “What kind of an immortal practitioner are you? You didn’t know anything...”

The Goddess Isa said quietly, “I didn’t know either.”

There was silent from behind the curtains. It was obvious that Han Lin did not dare to poke fun at the Goddess Isa!

Lingfeng continued, “The entire Stellar Sanctuary is organized according to principle the eight trigrams and nine palace hall diagram. Naturally when it is organized in this way, there is a life and a death gate...”

Lie Qing was startled as she interrupted, “If this is the life gate then there won’t be anything inside and we can go directly to the next level? But what if it is a death gate?”

Lingfeng said quietly, “Then be prepared for the worst.”

Lele said unhappily, “What is it? You are saying that the Stellar Sanctuary is a place that depends entirely on luck? There are a hundred levels to this place and what are the odds of not encountering the death gate?”

Han Lin laughed jovially, “So that is why the Lord Supreme divides everyone for the gates. But those who are ignorant choose not to listen and band together in numbers!”

Jing’Er was startled, “And if they choose the death gate at the same time, they will perish together?”

The Goddess Aiel said, “Also, at all times, there are divine beasts roaming the different levels of the Stellar Sanctuary. With so many people, they are easy targets for the divine beasts...”

Shi Shi asked anxiously, “Is there any way for us to know where the death gate is?”

She was asking the obvious!

But Lingfeng replied, “It is hard but not impossible.”

Everyone was startled that the Heaveness had a way of knowing! What an astonishing surprise!

The Goddess Aiel was startled, "So how?"

Lingfeng replied, "We need to find the other seven gates first before the entire floor shifts itself. Once we can map out all the gates location it will be possible to divine the death gate or at least very least avoid the gate which seems the most likely."

It was as good as not saying!

The difficulties in finding the other seven gates were not only fraught with dangers but also extremely time consuming!

And they only got three months left!

Yi Ping waited for Yang Min to be modesty dressed before he stepped through the curtain as he said, "Then it may be a risk that we have to take. One hour then, so be it..."

But as he stepped forth through the curtains he was startled to see all the maidens were flushing red and looking sheepishly while the Universal Old Man was sitting with his back facing him.

The Universal Old Man turned around to meet Yi Ping's glaze and startling him further; his face was badly bruised!

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly as he said with some difficulty, "I just have a fall. That's all. You don't need to be surprised. At least I am not a eunuch..."

Yi Ping could only smile bitterly as he looked at all the maidens who were all looking shyly at him and that included Yixian!

One hour later...

Yi Ping and his group were looking quietly at the bronze sealed gate with intricate gold patterns...

Yi Ping raised his voice, "Let's go in!"

Yi Ping took the led even as Lingfeng and the Universal Old Man

stepped forward at the same time.

He said, "Allow me."

He looked at the towering gate as he tried to push the gate open but failed.

He growled.

Lingfeng giggled and it was followed by the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin.

Yi Ping asked, "We need a key to open this gate?"

Lingfeng laughed softly, "This gate needs ninety years of martial power to force it open. That is why."

Yi Ping had a sudden realization.

All the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary seemed to be aimed at draining the practitioner's strength!

The Goddess Isa said quietly, "Let me have a go then."

Yi Ping said weakly as he insisted, "Let me..."

Without waiting for the Goddess Isa to reply him, Yi Ping had mustered his entire martial power as he pushed against the gate with a great martial shout. "Ultrapowerful Force!"

A powerful burst of martial force struck the sealed gate with a shattering impact and forcing it to swing open as it revealed a long towering passage!

Lingfeng immediately urged everyone, "Hurry, once the gate has fully swung open it will swung itself shut again!"

With that, everyone hastily entered the towering passage!

Immediately, they could feel a sense of relief!

It was because they had finally broken freed of the martial windforce which was sapping their strength!

Among them, Jing'Er and Yang Min were walking with half their eyes closed. It was because they were simply too tired!

Shi Shi said to them, "Unless it is absolute necessary, stay at the back first."

Jing'Er and Yang Min nodded weakly.

The passage itself was imposing and it soon led to another imposing chamber.

At the end of the chamber were a gigantic bronze statue of a humanoid with a bull head and a shimmering light behind it!

Lingfeng gasped, "Demon Bull King!"

Even the Goddess Aiel had turned ashen as she muttered, "Everyone, I think we have found the death gate..."

Han Lin muttered out, "I know I shouldn't have followed you..."

They were referring to the bronze humanoid statue with the bull head and in its massive hand was an equally massive long axe!

It was thrice as tall as them and its eyes were a deep glowing red!

Yi Ping was startled when he saw the red glowing eyes. It was because it looked like the statue was alive!

Scattered around the chamber was messy debris of an earlier fight!

The Goddess Aiel scanned the chamber quickly and immediately noticed there were aftermaths of sword energies scattered around the chamber, "Sword energies! The Immortal Saint of Swords has been here?"

The Universal Old Man muttered, "The guardian statue is still here. The Immortal Saint of Swords has lost..."

Lingfeng immediately said, "Rubbish. He isn't that weak and is like a cockroach. I wish though!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he looked around, "Don't be so mean..."

Lingfeng smiled coldly to Yi Ping, "Alright. Then I wish he is dead. You are happy now?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "That is not what I mean."

But they had no time to contemplate any of this!

It was because the statue appeared to be cracking and moving!

It was only then that Yi Ping realized that it was not a bronze statue but a living entity and its entire body seemed to be made of bronze!

Indeed a burst of martial force had just erupted from around it as it howled furiously!

Lingfeng said panicky, "Get ready! This monster is not easy to defeat and be on your alert. We are unlikely to survive one hit from it!"

As soon as Lingfeng had warned them, the Demon Bull King had raised its gigantic axe and swung it at them!

Immediately a burst of powerful martial force exploded towards them!

Yixian immediately stepped forth as she raised her fingers to display the Divine Emerald Skill to meet the incoming force!

Youxue called out panicky, "No wait!"

But as soon as Yixian had used her martial power to display the Divine Emerald Force, she was struck by a tremendous force that sent her sliding ten steps backward!

Youxue immediately stepped in as she displayed the Divine Emerald Force with her right hand and the Dominating Force with her left hand!

Immediately there was a shattering burst of incredulous martial explosion that flung Youxue and Yixian backward at the same time!

Youxue and Yixian had immediately coughed out blood but they were quickly caught by Lingfeng and the Goddess Aiel!

Yi Ping was panicky, "Xian'Er, Xue'Er!"

The Goddess Aiel had displayed her Inverting Universe Divine Force as she neutralized the weakened offensive martial force as she said weakly, "This monster is impervious to most martial forces. Only divine weapons and superior sword techniques are able to defeat it. Hurry!"

But halfway through her warnings, Yi Ping had already raised the

Celestial Alice as he intercepted the Demon Bull King when he saw it preparing a charge at them!

There was several resounding furious sparkling as sword and axe struck at the same time!

Yi Ping gasped as he was forced back three steps, "So strong!"

But the Demon Bull King was also forced back one step back!

Lingfeng gasped as she raised her palm to catch Yi Ping from behind him with her Divine Invigorate Force, "You...can actually knock it back?!"

At the same time the Celeste Wind Maiden had raised her Celeste Wind as she unleashed flurries of sword strokes on the Demon Bull King as she seized the opportunity to attack it when it was off-guarded!

Her windy sword techniques exploded furiously on the body of the Demon Bull King with loud thunderous explosive forces that were so powerful that everyone was forced to raise their defenses up or take backward steps!

But her sword strokes seemed to have no effect as the Demon Bull King made quick recovery as it swung its axe against her!

Before the axe had reached her, the imploding wind force had already struck the Celeste Wind Maiden and sent her flying backward!

Yi Ping raised the Celestial Alice to shield himself from the furious martial windforce as he shouted panicky even as he took forceful steps forward, "Xiao Qian!"

But because he had not recovered from his previous exchange with the Demon Bull King, he coughed out a bout of blood!

The Goddess Isa had raised her Divine Constellation Sword as she turned aside the daunting martial windforce with her own martial windforce as she intercepted the Demon Bull King thus saving the Celeste Wind Maiden from the worst!

Lie Qing was not slow to react either as she hit the Demon Bull King hard with seven bursts of lethal sword energies, "Pandora Merciless

Strike!”

This time the Demon Bull King staggered one step backward!

Lele quickly seized the opportunity to slash the Demon Bull King on its kneecap with the Divine Echo and causing the Demon Bull King to become even more enraged as its eyes turned a deep crimson!

Immediately bursts of martial windforce erupted around it and pushing everyone backward!

The Demon Bull King seemed to be glowing red and the air around them was suffocating hot!

It was so hot that steams of vapors were condensing all around them!

The Universal Old Man warned, “Raised your martial power to its highest level and step back. In no time, we will all be boiled alive by the heat. Alas, why am I so unlucky today...”

Lingfeng had raised her Divine Invigorate Force to calm the temperature around her as she smiled bitterly, “Fried alive you mean.”

The Goddess Isa warned quietly, “It is really upset now. Oh well, guess we hit it hard enough.”

Lingfeng smiled bitterly at the humor of the Goddess Isa.

Lele gasped breathlessly to the Goddess Isa, “You still have the humor to joke. Our martial strength is almost drained...”

She stopped. It was because Yi Ping, Yixian, the Goddess Isa and Lie Qing were standing in front of them and suddenly the furious heatwave had calmed down.

She was not the only one who was startled. The Universal Old Man, the Heaviness, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Shi Shi, Jing’Er, Yang Min, Youxue, the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were startled as well!

Yi Ping was holding the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice. There was lit of burning sparks around him but otherwise the furious heatwave did not have any effect on Yi Ping!



Yi Ping himself was also surprised that he could stand straight in the face of the superheated air. He would learn later that the blood of the Kirin that was his veins would cause him to have a latent resistance against heat.

But at his moment as he grasped the two Celestial Alices, he would feel life force energies coursing through to him and filling him with strength as his vigor recovered.

Even the slight movement of the two Celestial Alices would cause small fluttering martial windforce to occur!

Somehow when he had awakened his Heaven Eyes, his Boundless Force also appeared to have grown in strength too!

Yixian had suppressed the fiery heat with her epitome Eternal Heavenly Tears as she drawn out the Heavenly Earth Sword while Lie Qing was shielded from the fiery heat by nine hovering protective martial force!

There was a faint golden aura around the Goddess Isa as she touched her forehead gently as she muttered, "How wonderful is this feeling. I have finally got my divine strength back..."

The Demon Bull King bellowed with a mighty terrifying scream that shook the entire place as it charged forward at them!

Lingfeng panicky called out, "Yi Ping! Don't engage its charge..."

But it was too late!

Yi Ping had already swung the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he met its charge headlong with a smashing crash!

"The Heavens Encompassing Stroke!"

Yi Ping had executed the Heavens Encompassing Stroke with both Celestial Alices at the same time!

There was a thunderous explosive burst of martial impact as the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice shimmered and released incredulous amount of force that knocked the Demon Bull King

backward!

But the Demon Bull King was quick to recover as it slashed furiously at Yi Ping, Yixian, Lie Qing and the Goddess Isa at the same time!

Even though the Demon Bull King was large, its attacks were not slow at all. In fact it was raining hacking blows one after another with such incredulous force that the air and ground around it was exploding thunderously!

A bursting martial cloud of debris and dust were soon mushrooming around them!

The rest of the group could only see Yi Ping, Yixian, Lie Qing and the Goddess Isa turned into shade of shadows as they retaliated against the Demon Bull King with dozens of attacks in a blink of an eye!

They could only see was their shadowy movements and the beaming light of their swords!

The shadowy figure of the Demon Bull King was towering over them as it swung its axe to and forth with incredulous speed as it exploded the ground continuous with its gruesome ear-piercing impact!

Indeed lesser mortals would never have dared to approach it!

But Yi Ping, Yixian, Lie Qing and the Goddess Isa were hitting it with dozens of attacks in all directions!

Lingfeng was incredulous as she gasped, "They didn't flinch at all. They can actually withstand the might of the Demon Bull King..."

The Universal Old Man was gasping, "So that is the strength of the practitioners of the Greater Heaven Position and above..."

Lele muttered, "Lie Qing didn't have any marking at all..."

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly, "True but do you know that her Invincible Divine Force is renowned throughout the Celestial Realm as well?"

Lele asked, "Is it?"

The Universal Old Man nodded, "And your Celestial Force..."

Lingfeng shot the Universal Old Man a sharp look, "You talk too much."

Lele muttered unhappily, "Secrets again? Lingfeng, do we still have secrets among us? Do you still remember how I risk my life to help you save Yi Ping?"

Lingfeng smiled coldly, "And you end up taking him for good."

Lele laughed softly as she muttered shyly, "Alas! That is an accident!"

All of a sudden everyone had frozen on the spot!

It was because the fighting had suddenly stopped!

It was because Yi Ping had suddenly caught the full blunt of the onslaught of the Demon Bull King with the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice!

An implosion so loud that the entire chamber was shaking violently!

It was so violent that the Goddess Isa, the Celestial Fairy and the Heavenly Temptress were flung aside!

Lele cried out panicky, "Sister Xian'Er, Lie Qing!"

The Goddess Isa quickly swung her divine sword backward to stabilize herself before hitting the wall with a loud impact!

She muttered weakly but it was audible in everyone's ears due to her superior internal strength, "Curse it. I am too careless. I didn't think that it still have such a powerful secret killing technique..."

But the same could not be said for Lie Qing as she coughed out blood as she landed with a tremendous impact on the wall and all her hovering energy spheres were dissipated in a single instant!

As for the Celestial Fairy, she had displayed the Absolute Defense Stance of the Divine Emerald Skill as she lifted her left hand to cushion the slinging force. But she too crushed into the wall with a thunderous explosive impact!

But both the Demon Bull King and Yi Ping appeared to be not moving!

The towering Demon Bull King soon emerged from the thick dust. Even though it was covered with multiple cuts and slashes but it did not appear to have any effect on its bronze body!

Yi Ping had caught hold of the gigantic axe with the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he crossed the divine swords over his head!

All of a sudden the Demon Bull King began to move!

However the movements of the Demon Bull King were incredulous slow as it staggered backward before it fell on its knees with a loud impact!

Then it tried to get up clumsily but it soon staggered backward again before falling with a loud crashing impact!

It was only when the Demon Bull King had released its heavy weight upon Yi Ping did he recovered his sense as he said trembling, "I...I have won?"

As he collapsed onto his knees while holding the Celestial Alices for support, everyone could see that his arms were shaking uncontrollably!

Lingfeng was startled as she covered her mouth tearfully...

The Goddess Aiel too was gasping as she covered her mouth, "He kills the Demon Bull King?! But how?"

Han Lin collapsed weakly beside the Goddess Aiel as she stared in disbelief, "This is the death gate...we have actually pulled through the death gate!"

The Goddess Isa hurried to Yi Ping as she smiled at him gently, "Yes silly, you have won! You are indeed the Dark Chaos Lord! But first..."

She turned towards the Demon Bull King as she raised her Divine Constellation Sword toward it.

Yi Ping gasped aloud, "What are you doing?"

Immediately there was an implosion as the Demon Bull King shattered into thousands of pieces and there were three silvery lights!

Immediately the Goddess Isa had a smile as she caught hold of the three silvery lights!

The Goddess Isa said wryly, "Don't worry. This immortal monster is not real at all. It is only part of the Stellar Sanctuary. If we don't shatter its body, the next party that comes along will be in for a nasty treat."

Lingfeng said coldly, "For someone who says that she has never been to the Stellar Sanctuary, you sure know a lot. Surrender it now."

The Goddess Isa asked coldly, "Surrender what?"

Lingfeng said coldly, "The three Heavenly Relics!"

The Heavenly Relics were the most divine of all metals and one of the reasons why so many celestial practitioners were risking their lives in the Stellar Sanctuary!

It was the divine metal that divine weapons were made of!

The Goddess Aiel muttered, "Isa, we are in it together but you have seized all the Heavenly Relics. Is that fair?"

The Goddess Isa said coolly, "We have so many of us here and not all play an equal role. Moreover I am the one that have found the Heavenly Relics first. According to the first rule for the Stellar Sanctuary, finder is keeper! Unless of course, you want to fight with me for it. That is fine with me."

Lie Qing cursed softly under her breath, "She sure learns fast for someone that sleeps for thousands of years..."

Han Lin moaned, "If I have my Heaven Eyes back, I will surely teach you a lesson..."

The Goddess Isa had heard her as she said coldly, "But I remember how you have lost to me."

Han Lin smiled weakly, "That is because you have a divine sword in your hands. Dare you not to use your divine sword!"

Yi Ping said weakly, "Isa, give me the other two Heavenly Relics. Keep the other one for yourself. I know that you need one for your armor."

To the surprise of everyone, the Goddess Isa quietly handed over the other two Heavenly Relics to Yi Ping without a word!

Yi Ping said, "Thank you."

As Yi Ping clasped the two Heavenly Relics, he immediately noticed how heavy it was!

But he quickly said, "Later, we will think of the best way to distribute all the loots that we have found in the Stellar Sanctuary. I will try to be as fair as possible to everyone..."

Yang Min smiled, "Anything. I believe in you."

Jing'Er looked at Yang Min with a quiet soft sigh...

Han Lin looked at Yi Ping shyly, "I put my faith in you."

The Goddess Aiel was smiling shyly as well, "Anything..."

The Goddess Isa said gently, "I am good with it too."

Yi Ping turned to look at the group especially Lie Qing and Yixian as he asked weakly, "Xian'Er, Qing'Er, you are both alright?"

Lie Qing winked at Yi Ping, "I am alright. I just got a little careless only."

Yixian nodded gently, "I am alright!"

She walked to him and held him, "Ping'Er, are you alright too?"

Yi Ping nodded, "I am alright too."

He looked at the shimmering portal at the end of the chamber, "Is that the entrance of the next floor? Let's go..."

Yi Ping had suddenly noticed that Lingfeng was silent so he asked, "Lingfeng, what is wrong?"

Lingfeng said quietly, "Nothing. I am wondering who else has been here other than us? Or someone else is luring us here intentional?"

The Universal Old Man laughed, "It doesn't matter anymore. We have pulled through now. Let us be on our way first. We can always ponder

along the way!”

# Chapter 143: The Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals

Yi Ping was dumbfounded by the sight that was in front of him as he stepped forth from the shimmering portal!

Ahead of him were lush meadows and rolling grasslands with lofty mountains behind.

It was a sight that he had not seen for a long time and it reminded him of the lower realm.

But still there were obvious differences!

One was that the entire heaven was white with lofty clouds covering it and not a single blue sky could be seen!

Two was that dozens of floating islands dotted the heavens above!

Yi Ping murmured, "I thought that we are in the Stellar Sanctuary? Isn't this supposed to be the eleventh floor of the Stellar Sanctuary?"

Yi Ping was not the only one who was astonished.

Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Yang Min, Yixian, Lele, Lie Qing, Youxue and the Celeste Wind Maiden were gasping breathlessly at the grandeur view!

Lele asked, "Where are we?"

Lie Qing was also asking, "Are we still in the Stellar Sanctuary?"

Lingfeng the Heaveness laughed softly, "Of course we are still in the Stellar Sanctuary. We have never left it in the first place!"

The Goddess Aiel smiled mysteriously at them as she said, "Welcome to the Immortal Realm!"

Her sweeping statement immediately stunned everyone except for Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man, Han Lin and the Goddess Isa!

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially as he patted his pot belly, "Or rather a glimpse of the Immortal Realm!"



Yi Ping stammered, “This is the Stellar Sanctuary as well as the Immortal Realm? But how do we reach the twelfth floor if um...there are no floors here?”

He was actually horrified even though the entire scene looked entirely tranquil.

He knew that he had only one target in sight; that was to reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary.

Why did he have to do so?

Was it because the very last time that he had seen Maiden Ziyan, he had noticed her woeful look and ever since then it had been etched deeply into his memory?

That night she had said to him, “If you know who I am then we may not be friends and things may not be the same again.”

Or was it because she had hinted to him that he was the one that had almost driven her to end her life?

That night...

He shook his head in disbelief, “But I don’t understand. What is the reason that you want to take away your own life?”

He seemed to hit the crux of her heart; she stumbled slightly backward with blank expressions while muttering, “That is because...”

She inhaled deeply, “...I have promised someone. If someone can awaken the Celestial Alice then I will destroy the Astronomic Stellar Formation on my own accord....”

He clenched his fists and his eyes were burning with fury, “That someone! He is too cruel to ask you to do such a thing! You have almost perished inside because of that!”

She turned around while muttering, “Is that so? I don’t think so.”

She had turned around and was looking quietly at him, “That is because he is right here now.”

Was he that cruel someone that she was mentioning?

Or was it because of what she had said, “If you want to find me, you must ascend the Stellar Sanctuary or look for me in the Immortal Realm of the Ninth Heavens. I will be at the Eternal City that is beyond time reckoning. You must come...”

Or was it because she had pleaded with him as she made a tearful dash out of the room, “Even if I wait for you for a thousand years, you must come...You mustn’t forget about me and must come!”

Yi Ping muttered to himself, “The Eternal City that is beyond time reckoning...”

His thoughts were interrupted by the maidens who had never been to the Stellar Sanctuary that were behind him as they too were startled by what they were seeing.

Lele gasped, “This is the Stellar Sanctuary? Or rather, are we still in the Stellar Sanctuary?”

Shi Shi was stumped by what she was seeing, “How do we reach the next level then?”

Yang Min despite her intelligence was too dazed for words as she looked around her as she muttered, “There are so many floating islands in the skies...”

Indeed!

Shi Shi was muttering, “It is so beautiful especially the waterfalls that are on top of some of these floating islands...”

Jing’Er murmured, “Why won’t these floating islands fall...where are we?”

Lingfeng smiled, “You will soon know...”

All of a sudden there was brilliant light in the heavens above!

A shimmer in the lofty skies above could be seen that was shaped like a towering figure of a man in a meditating pose and there was a stunning light that was behind him!

This towering figure that hovered in the skies seemed to be shaped by shimmering grey clouds which made his apparition seemed all too real!

Yi Ping was stunned by the sight as he muttered, "What is that?"

He was in awe but he was not the only one.

There seemed to be an invisible emanation that seemed to cause everyone to develop a compelling fascination with the apparition!

The Goddess Isa had turned completely ashen as she fell upon her knees as she gasped with trembling voice, "The Great God Pangu!"

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, "Don't worry, that is not real. That is what I have thought too when I have first come here in the past."

The Goddess Isa muttered softly, "Really?"

The Goddess Aiel nodded as she said firmly, "Yes, it is only a mirage. Nothing else."

All of a sudden, the apparition in the skies above reverberated aloud, "Welcome to the Inner Stellar Sanctuary..."

The Goddess Isa was even more startled as she gasped, "The Great God Pangu can speak! He is real..."

Han Lin laughed jovially, "He is not real. He is always repeating the same thing to anyone that has reached to this point. I can almost recite what he is going to say next!"

The Goddess Aiel laughed gently as she said, "This mirage only exists in the minds of those that first reach here. How that can possibly happens, I do not know."

The apparition reverberated, "Only the enlightened ones will be able to reach this place so that they may grasp the secrets of the divine. This realm is the recreation of the Eternal Realm. Blessed are those that are able to catch a glimpse of it!"

Lie Qing, Lele, Jing'Er, Yang Min, Yixian, Youxue and Shi Shi were gasping in astonishments!

Youxue gasped, “The Immortal Realm? So that is how it looks like?”

The apparition had paused for a while before resuming, “Surely you must be wondering who I am. I am the Great God Pangu!”

The apparition added with a laugh, “You must be wondering where the next level is. It is the mountains that are just beyond the plain. The pain that is beyond is called the World’s End. But beware there are many mountains out there. How do you know which is the true mountain that will lead you to the true Eternal Realm?”

The Universal Old Man muttered, “I don’t want to find the Eternal Realm. I just want to find the immortal practice and the way to the Immortal Realm...”

He looked at the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Isa as he thought, “Why am I in the Stellar Sanctuary and risking my life? We have two immortal practitioners here. Isn’t it simpler to ask them for the immortal practice instead...but one question still remains; where is the Immortal Realm and how to reach it?”

Lingfeng was also secretly looking at the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Isa as she thought, “All along, we have thought that the forbidden Eternal Realm is the Immortal Realm that we are thriving for. How wrong we are! It seems that there is an even higher realm than the Immortal Realm...”

Han Lin yawned softly, “The highest mountain peak naturally...”

The apparition laughed, “The highest mountain peak naturally will lead you to the true immortal realm...”

Han Lin continued, “And it is located in the center of the World’s End.”

The apparition laughed, “And it is located in the center of the World’s End!”

Yi Ping turned to look at the mountains in the horizon and he was startled to see that these mountains had no peaks! It was because these mountains were so lofty high that it had reached into the misty canopies that were above!

The apparition turned solemn, "It is up to you to reach the World's End and to find the gate to the Eternal Realm. Naturally, the extreme difficulties that you will have encountered and the more powerful guardians that you will encounter along the way is the indication that you are near to the end..."

Han Lin yawned, "He is stating only the obvious. While you may be seeing a multitude of mountains that can be approach from many sides but there are only one straight path. The mountains will get higher and higher as we approach the middle."

The apparition began to shimmer and start to flicker, "...the Forbidden is lifted for those that have reached this realm. Use whatever means you can without restrictions without fear of the Divine Wraths for there are none in this realm."

Han Lin said aloud, "No more. He is about to vanish soon and that is when our true journey starts!"

The Goddess Aiel said, "That is the end of his message."

Lingfeng nodded as she gave a soft sigh, "From this point onward, the Forbidden is lifted. We can freely discuss about the forbidden without any repercussions. But be warned, you are not to discuss about anything that you have seen or heard when we have made it out of here or you will surely die..."

The Universal Old Man nodded, "That is right. Let us be on our way..."

All of a sudden the vanishing faint blue apparition above flickered again as it turned golden as the apparition resonated, "You have finally come! My long wait is worth it! Good!"

All of a sudden Lingfeng, the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin and the Universal Old Man who thought that they knew it all had suddenly turned ashen for they had heard it too!

Jing'Er stammered out after noticing their expressions, "Isn't the mirage supposed to disappear already?"

Yang Min stole a glance at Yi Ping before chuckling, "Maybe this Great

God Pangu is getting senile and getting long winded!"

All of a sudden there was a sudden freak of blue lightning bolt that struck the ground in front of her!

Yang Min immediately turned ashen as she fell upon her knees as she cried out in fright, "Great God Pangu, forgive me..."

Yi Ping had drawn out the Celestial Alice as he stared at the apparition, "What are you?! Don't you harm Maiden Yang!"

The Goddess Aiel, the Universal Old Man, Lingfeng, Han Lin and even the Goddess Isa were all panicky trying to calm him down by urging softly, "Be respectful!"

The apparition seemed to stare at Yi Ping while saying, "You dare to be disrespectful to me?"

Immediately everyone could feel a terrifying presence that was threatening to overwhelm them and they were all trembling with fear!

Lingfeng was stunned, "This isn't supposed to be happening. It is all just in the mind..."

The Goddess Aiel murmured softly, "But we are all in Stellar Sanctuary as well. What if we are all in the Great God Pangu mind as well..."

The Goddess Isa was pleading, "Yi Ping...you got to restraint yourself... we are in the presence of an entity that is above us..."

Yixian said, "Ping'Er, you must stay calm. Focus yourself with the Emotionless Rhythm that I have taught you. Perhaps this Great God Pangu is able to sense the emotions of the mind."

But Yi Ping said defiantly, "If anyone wants to get any of my acquaintances then I will fight them. Great God or not."

The apparition seemed to laugh silently before vanishing out of sight all of a sudden to the utter surprise of everyone!

"You have finally come! Good, good, good! Perhaps this time round you will finally be able to succeed. As promise, this is what I have owed you." That was the last words of the apparition before it completely vanished

but not before striking Yi Ping with a white streak of lightning!

Everyone was startled!

But that white streak of lightning seemed to have disappeared as soon as it struck Yi Ping.

Yi Ping was grasping his chest but he had felt nothing extraordinary while muttering, "Where did he go?"

As he turned around and was about to ask the rest for answers, he was startled to see Lingfeng, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Isa, Han Lin and the rest looking at him weirdly.

The Goddess Aiel was next to Yi Ping in the next instant as she whispered politely, "Can I examine your pulse?"

Yi Ping nodded weakly, "Yes..."

The Goddess Aiel did not waste any time to examine his pulses earnestly before she stammered out, "I think...I am going to faint. I feel a strong intricate energy in his pulse..."

The Goddess Isa immediately reached out to feel Yi Ping's pulse as well as she helpfully offered a suggestion, "Is it the Pangu Intricate Energy?"

The Goddess Aiel turned pale immediately as she murmured, "I do not know for sure..."

The Goddess Isa was smiling, "The Goddess Theocracy has a forbidden legend..."

The Goddess Aiel looked blankly at the Goddess Isa as she interrupted softly, "Do you think he is the one?"

Han Lin asked curiously, "What are the two of you exchanging? Quick share it or I will be mad!"

The Goddess Aiel said quietly, "I cannot tell you. This is one of the forbidden secrets of the Goddess Theocracy. If I reveal it to you then I am afraid that the Goddess Isa will not spare you."

The Goddess Isa added, "Trust me I surely will."

Han Lin said unhappily, “The two of you are the outcasts of the Goddess Theocracy. What is wrong with the two of you? To think that you are still keeping the secrets for the Goddess Theocracy. What do you think Yi Ping?”

Yi Ping was startled that Han Lin was suddenly asking for his opinion. Now that he had reached the Great Emptiness Translucence, he could see the affections within her eyes for him. This was something that he was most afraid of!

Lele growled softly, “When did Yi Ping becomes your friend?”

Even the quiet Celeste Wind Maiden could not resist adding a snide remark, “Alas! It seems that she has forgotten about Jing’Er and me already!”

Han Lin began to fluster as she protested weakly, “Isn’t it obvious that the Great God Pangu is referring to Yi Ping?”

The Celeste Wind Maiden smiled coldly, “Oh that I really do not know. He could be referring to the Celestial Fairy, the Heavenly Temptress or even the Goddess Isa. After all, the Goddess Isa seems to recognize him!”

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, “That is because the Great God Pangu is the High God of the Pangu Race and I am his priestess...”

Yang Min suddenly asked, “Huh? You mean that the Goddess Theocracy is actually the Priestess Order of the Great God Pangu?”

Just as the Goddess Aiel was about to say something, she had suddenly noticed that the Goddess Isa had unsheathed her divine sword!

The Goddess Aiel was startled as she stammered fearfully, “I...I didn’t say anything!”

Even Yi Ping was panicky, “Isa, hold!”

But the Goddess Isa was looking at her surroundings as she shifted her eyes around her, “I am too careless. There are actually three super exponents in this vicinity and I have failed to notice them!”

Everyone was startled as they quickly turned around to scan the



surroundings!

But to the visible eyes, there were no one!

But Yi Ping suddenly said, "I sense that there are five others in this vicinity..."

The Goddess Isa resonated with her Thousand Miles Divine Skill as her crystal clear voice echoed gently, "I know that you are there. Why don't you show yourself up?"

Three shadows began to leap into view from the horizon of the terrain.

In a blink of an eye, three old monks had quietly walked into view!

The old monk in the middle was garbed in a yellow robe while the other two old monks were garbed in a black robe.

The old monk in the middle was carrying a long scepter which immediately caught everyone's attention; judging by the divine aura of the long scepter, it was a divine weapon and a potent one!

But everyone was trembling slightly when they had caught sight of them; Not only were their eyes were a deep golden in color but their foreheads all had a red dot!

The Universal Old Man had immediately stepped in front of Yi Ping as he raised his palm, "Be wary! They are not to be underestimated!"

Yi Ping was startled for he had never seen his protégé master been this serious before!

The Goddess Isa shot them the same warning as she gasped, "On your guard! They are no ordinary foes! They are all at least in the Greater Stellar Position and above!"

Yi Ping immediately pointed his sword at them as he raised his voice, "Who are you?"

The Goddess Aiel hummed coldly at them, "I am really surprise!"

The old monk in the middle laughed, "We want to be discreet but unfortunately we got found out. What have we here? So it is the Goddess

Isa and the Goddess Aiel! Why are you in the company of the mortals?”

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, “You shouldn’t be here at all. This place is forbidden to you.”

The old monk in the middle laughed again, “What is forbidden and what is not forbidden? Is there to draw a line so precisely?”

The old monk on the left said coldly as he looked at them one by one, “I am really surprise at the number of divine weapons that are in your group. Unfortunately, it seems that we are three and you are only one.”

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, “Even though there are three of you, do you think I am afraid of you?”

Lele was fuming as she interrupted, “So in your eyes, the rest of us are invisible?!”

The old monk on the right said coldly, “That is right! While the lot of you have divine weapons and some of you have even managed to open your Heaven’s Eyes but I can’t say for your state of divinity. Alright then! To prevent further bloodshed and to aid you to cultivate your immature state of divinity further, we just have to take away your heavenly relics and your divine swords!”

Immediately Lele answered back coldly, “Insolent! You dare? Just who are you?!”

The old monk on the right raised his palm as he said quietly, “You have to be polite when addressing me or you be burned in the furies of hell!”

All of a sudden a powerful palm force exploded forcefully outward as he raised his palm!

Immediately everyone could feel that the entire air seemed to be collapsing upon them with a suffocating pressure and that the entire ground seemed to be moving as well!

Yi Ping immediately shouted as he raised right palm forward as he displayed the Ultrapowerful Force, “The Big Dipper Hands! Everyone back!”

The Universal Old Man raised both his palms forward to display the Ultrapowerful Force too while the Goddess Isa swung her Divine Constellation Sword to deflect the incoming earthshaking force!

Immediately there were several thunderous claps of impact as the Universal Old Man was forced back several steps back while Yi Ping was forced to take three steps backward!

The ground below Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man had exploded with a thunderous impact for each step backward that they had taken!

Immediately the Universal Old Man began to wobble before coughing out blood!

Yi Ping was panicky, "Protégé master!"

Even the Goddess Aiel panicky cried out, "Old Man!" But so great was the martial windforce that she was flung more than ten steps back!

Lingfeng tried to step forward to aid the Universal Old Man but she too, was not able to resist the martial windforce and was pushed back!

The Universal Old Man fell upon his knees as he muttered, "I am alright! I won't die just yet!"

Only the Goddess Isa remained where she was!

Lele, Lie Qing, Yixian, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Yang Min, Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel were all forced to stumble backward by the earthshaking shockwave even though they were sheltered by the Goddess Isa, Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man!

The Celeste Wind Maiden stared blankly at the old monk that had just raised his palm. He had continued to stand casually on the same spot and had made no further move.

She thought fearfully, "What is going on? Why is it that I have such a loathsome feeling in my heart? I didn't even have this feeling earlier...if they had attacked at the same time then how are we going to stand against them?"

The old monk that had just attacked said coolly, "You must know that I

have already restrained myself and have given you my mercy just as Heaven is merciful to us all. I know that most of you are already drained by earlier battles and I didn't want to take advantage of your pitiful straits. So don't force me."

He turned to Yi Ping to say, "It seems that you are much stronger than your protégé master. However, it is still futile to resist us. But how did you know our Big Dipper Hands? You have seen it before?"

Yi Ping hummed coldly and refused to divulge a single word!

The old monk continued, "It seems that the whole lot of you is really pitiful. If you have known who we are, you won't be so impolite!"

The Goddess Isa interrupted coldly, "Don't forget that it is us that have won supremacy over the Celestial Realm and not you."

The old monk laughed, "You have won? The truth is that we have gone into retreat to further our attainments and to avoid worldly conflicts."

The Goddess Isa interrupted coldly, "The truth is that you have lost and we have won. Today none of you will be allowed to leave here alive!"

The old monk on the left laughed jovially, "Shouldn't that be the opposite?"

Yi Ping stepped forward as he managed a weak smile, "Old Seniors, why don't you enlighten us who you are first?"

He turned to the Goddess Isa to say, "Isa, calm down first. Perhaps they didn't mean us any harm. Why don't we talk over it first?"

The Goddess Isa said quietly, "Maybe they won't harm you but they won't let me off."

The Goddess Aiel said quietly, "The same goes to me too."

Yi Ping said, "Maybe not..."

The old monk in the middle said coolly, "She is right. We won't let them off. They have to come with us or they will have to face the consequences!"

Yi Ping was startled as he said angrily, "What feuds do you have? You are monks! Surely you can't be so unreasonable?!"

The old monk in the middle replied, "What feuds do we have with them? They have killed hundreds of us!"

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at the Goddess Isa, "Is that true?"

The Goddess Isa nodded quietly before saying, "That is right. But Yi Ping, you don't understand. We have no other choice."

Yi Ping muttered, "No other choice?"

The old monk in the middle stared coldly at them before saying, "It seems that you did not know anything about what happens in the past. But I don't fault you at all. Of course the Zen Practitioners did not want you to know their dark history at all!"

Yi Ping was startled, "The Zen Practitioners?"

The old monk nodded slowly, "There exist two groups of immortal practitioners in the Celestial Realm in the past; the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners."

Lingfeng was startled, "So you are the Arhat Practitioners?"

That was not exactly a question.

It was because this was the first time that she had heard that the immortal practitioners were actually divided into two main groups!

The old monk in the middle raised his long silver scepter at the Goddess Isa before saying,

"The Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners have been fighting each other for thousands of years without gaining an advantage over each other. However none of the conflicts actually develop into a full conflict between the two groups. The Zen and Arhat Practitioners are in turn grouped into many different clans. There are numerous conflicts among the Zen Practitioners and for the Arhat Practitioners as well. However one day..."

The Goddess Isa interrupted coldly, "However one day, the Arhat

Practitioners decide that they want to seize the Stellar Sanctuary for themselves! Of course we won't allow that to happen!"

The old man slammed his long silver scepter to the ground with a thunderous impact as he said furiously, "Rubbish! The Stellar Sanctuary is an artefact from the Great God Fan Tian. Just because it appears in your domain, it does not mean that you are the rightful owner!"

When he had slammed his long silver scepter into the ground, the shockwaves were so tremendous that everyone could feel the depth of the old monk's internal strength.

Yi Ping was startled that the long silver scepter had actually sunk deep into the ground as he thought, "His internal strength is so strong. Will I be able to win him if a fight breaks out later?"

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, "What a joke. Don't tell it is yours? What Great God Fan Tian? It is obviously an artefact from the Great God Pangu!"

The Goddess Aiel whispered to the rest as she offered to clear some of their confusion, "It is an endless debate that continues to this day between the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners. The Great God Pangu and the Great God Fan Tian refers to the same divine entity."

The old monk with the long silver scepter said coldly, "The ten millennium years are up and you have wasted ten millennium years without finding out the true purpose of the Stellar Sanctuary. For ten millennium years, you have subjected the mortals to endless suffering and prevent many from seeking enlightenment."

The Goddess Isa replied coldly, "You are twisting the facts, ain't you? Those people that are behind me used to be mortals and now they are celestial practitioners. Did you not see how we have repopulated the Celestial Realm with them and prepare them to be immortal practitioners?"

The old monk hummed coldly, "You are saying that the dark celestial practitioners are also part of your plan? And even the mortals are living in the Celestial Realm now? One word, the Zen Practitioners have

screwed up everything. Now it is time for the Arhat Practitioners to take your place.”

The Goddess Isa answered coldly, “I am really surprise that the renowned Lord Tian Zhong, one of the eight Heavenly Dragon Generals is actually capable of such a crude language!”

Lord Tian Zhong hummed coldly, “I am already polite to you but you are simply asking for it!”

Yi Ping was only playing scant attention. It was because he was looking at his surroundings. It was because earlier he had detected the presence of two others. But it seemed that the other two seemed to know that they had been detected by him and had taken further steps to remain invisible!

Or maybe he had been mistaken? It seemed strange that he was the only one that had detected them...

Are they friends or foes?

All of a sudden Lord Tian Zhong said malevolently, “Today the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel must come with us!”

Without giving any warning Lord Tian Zhong had raised his long silver scepter against the Goddess Isa!

The Goddess Isa was not slow to react as she raised her Divine Constellation Sword as she said aloud, “Everyone back! This is not your fight!”

Immediately there was a beaming bright clash that exploded thunderous as the two divine weapons struck at the same time!

The imploding shockwaves were so great that almost everyone was forced to take hastily steps backward or forced to exercise their martial skills to defend against it!

At the same time the Goddess Isa and Lord Tian Zhong had coughed a bout of blood!

It was because their first strike was also their most powerful strike and they had exercised all their martial power as well as all their internal

strength into it!

But Yi Ping had raised the Celestial Alice and displayed the Horizon Swordplay immediately to dissipate the exploding martial shockwave and at the same time he was shouting angrily as he intercepted Lord Tian Zhong and the Goddess Isa , “If you want to fight us then ask the other two to come out of their hiding places instead of sneaking around like tortoises!”

Lord Tian Zhong was a little startled that Yi Ping could dissipate their martial shockwaves without any ill-effects.

As he stepped back hastily when he was intercepted by Yi Ping, he shouted angrily. “Rubbish! There are only the three of us. Do you think we need to resort to any tricks to bring your exhausted party down? You have no idea who you are talking to and who I am!”

The Goddess Isa however was looking at her surroundings even as she exclaimed weakly, “There are two others in the vicinity? I didn’t sense any. Yi Ping, are you mistaken?”

Yi Ping was startled, “You didn’t sense them?”

Lord Tian Zhong hummed coldly as he halted the other two old monks, “Hold. I don’t need any help to bring the two of them down.”

He proceeded to say coldly to Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa, “If you want to fight me together or even your whole party, on the account that you are all not fully rested I don’t mind giving you an advantage. But you don’t have to resort to any tricks and should fight me with honor!”

The Goddess Isa whispered softly to Yi Ping, “Even though Lord Tian Zhong is a hateful person but he isn’t the type to lie...”

Yi Ping was startled, “I am mistaken?”



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But before Yi Ping could contemplate further Lord Tian Zhong had swung his long scepter at him!

Yi Ping took a quick glance at Lele, Lie Qing, Lingfeng and Yixian as he shook his head before he raised the Celestial Alice to say aloud, "I am alright. I have recovered half of my martial strength already!"

Everyone was astonished!

Lingfeng had quickly recovered up to thirty percent of her martial strength but that was only because of the effects of her Divine Invigorate Skill and that she had not been fighting at her full strength.

As for the Universal Old Man and the rest of the maidens, they were all battle weary and could barely muster their full strength to oppose this new threat!

Yixian nodded slightly as she took a step back as she closed her eyes in deep meditation. If she wants to help Yi Ping then she had to recover her martial strength as quickly as possible!

Lingfeng whispered softly, "Be careful!"

Lele cursed softly while Lie Qing was smiling weakly.

The Goddess Aiel whispered anxiously, "Yi Ping no please. Lord Tian Zhong is one of the super exponents of the Immortal Realm. You are not his match..."

Han Lin almost fainted but there was nothing that she could do!

There was a thunderous impact when Lord Tian Zhong had swung his long scepter and struck the Celestial Alice.

Yi Ping immediately coughed out blood as he was forced to take three steps back as he thought, "His martial prowess is like an unstoppable tidal wave..."

Yang Min, Shi Shi and Jing'Er gasped out at panicky the same time when Yi Ping had coughed out blood!

Youxue and the Celeste Wind Maiden were muttering, “Yi Ping...”

But Yi Ping murmured, “I am alright. He is not that strong...”

But before Lord Tian Zhong could swing his long scepter again, the Goddess Isa had displayed several wide cutting strokes to intercept him!

And at the same time Yi Ping had made a quick dodge as he separated the Celestial Alice to attack ambidextrously!

Lord Tian Zhong was taken aback as he exclaimed aloud, “Your divine sword is actually two divine swords?!”

Yi Ping answered coldly, “That is right!”

In a blink of an eye, Yi Ping had turned and slashed a dozen times at him!

Lord Tian Zhong was startled, “What is this swordplay?”

Yi Ping answered, “The Perfect Swordplay!”

Immediately bursting dust clouds flew out from the ground!

And everyone could only see three flashing shadows in the midst of the dust cloud as weapons and palms impacted thunderous from within!

Yi Ping had shouted as he slashed with the Celestial Antonym Alice, “Heavens Encompassing Technique!”

The Goddess Isa had also displayed her secret sword technique at the same time, “The Omega Constellation!”

Lord Tian Zhong had also shouted, “Dragon Subduing Demon Destroyer Stroke!”

Immediately there was a thunderous impact that ripped with such an earthshaking impact that everyone was swept off their feet, including the two other Arhat Practitioners!

When the thunderous impact had ended, Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa were both flung off and slammed onto the ground with a thunderous impact!

The eyes of the Goddess Isa turned gray immediately as she muttered

weakly, “I...I have actually lost...I guess that I have slept for really too long and maybe this time...I can’t awake anymore...”

The Goddess Aiel forced out a bout of black blood from her mouth as she witnessed the grisly sight of the Goddess Isa whose forehead was bloodied. She exercised all her internal strength to call out, “Isa! Be strong! Other than the Goddess Celestial Alice, you are the strongest Goddess! You have lost only because we have been through three exasperating trials earlier!”

Such was the powerful impact of their clash of martial energies that the Universal Old Man and the rest of the maidens were exercising their internal strength to purge the external energies out or it would be fatal to them!

Yi Ping was convulsing as he coughed out black blood but he quickly mustered all his strength to crawl next to the Goddess Isa to say to her, “Isa!”

Lord Tian Zhong took a deep breath as he circulated his vital energies to restore his vital energy channels but he was otherwise unharmed, “I have won. Dead or alive, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel must come with us...”

“I won’t forgive you!”

It was Yi Ping!

He had risen to his feet and he was shivering, not with fear but with teething rage!

Lord Tian Zhong was startled, “You are still alive? After getting hit by the martial forces of my Subduing Dragon Demon Destroyer Stroke?”

“I won’t allow you to take Isa away. Or Aiel.”

The Goddess Isa was deeply touched by Yi Ping’s gesture that she murmured tearfully, “Silly you! I am so glad that you have survived the impact...but...that is enough. If you don’t provoke him further...then he won’t bother with a junior like you...”

Lord Tian Zhong hummed coldly, "But if he wants to die then it is my duty to fulfill his wish too!"

Yi Ping turned to say gently to the Goddess Isa, "I won't let you die. I won't let anyone take you away...I won't...."

Lord Tian Zhong interrupted coldly, "Such brave words! Such foolhardy words! Stupid!"

Yi Ping turned to Lord Tian Zhong to smile weakly, "I may be silly but I am not stupid. I believe that there are goodness in this world and that is what we are all thriving for all the time, am I right to say so?"

All of a sudden Lingfeng began to shudder as she opened her eyes in shock!

It was because this was the same words that a mortal used to say to her!

Much later after he had overcome his Divine Calamity to become a celestial practitioner, he had taken the celestial name of the White Sage of Emptiness!

Lele's fingers were trembling!

The White Sage had said that to her all too often!

Unlike Yixian or Lie Qing, Lele had remembered her past memories as Melody Star when she had accidentally stumbled into the deadly Celestial Annihilating Star Formation and in just a blink of an eye she had undergone a hundred years of celestial practice. Because of that she had even reversed her dark celestial state at the same time too!

But she had concealed this secret deep within her heart!

She was extremely close to Revelation Star (Yixian) and Luminous Star (Lie Qing) in the past. But they could no longer remember her as Melody Star...

She had felt extreme loneliness because everyone that she knows did not remember her anymore...

Yi Ping had turned around to look gently at Lingfeng and Lele!

Yi Ping said quietly, “This time it seems that my Great Emptiness Translucence is here to stay.”

Lingfeng gasped to herself, “Is that a hint that he remembers everything?”

Yi Ping turned to look at Lord Tian Zhong as he said weakly, “Our fight is not over yet. But I am warning you first, don’t force my hands or you may die!”

Lord Tian Zhong laughed aloud, “You must have received quite a hard knock on your head. Look at you, you are half-dead already!”

Yi Ping said quietly, “It seems that you have already reached the Lesser Cosmos Position.”

Lord Tian Zhong was startled but he soon composed himself to say, “You can tell? Since you can guess my state of divinity, surely you are well aware you have no hope against me.”

Yi Ping said slowly, “I didn’t guess it. I can sense the emanations of your divine aura. Just to let you know, I am at the Seventh Cosmos Position now.”

Lord Tian Zhong laughed, “What a joke. Do you even know how arduous it is even to reach the Heaven Position or even the Cosmos Position? Even if it is true but with your current injuries, I can crush you like an ant effortlessly!”

Yi Ping raised the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he said quietly, “But first, can we invite our two friends to come out of their hiding place first?”

Lord Tian Zhong hummed coldly, “Not this trick again...”

But no sooner had he muttered it, there were two flashes as two heavenly maidens, one in white and one in black appeared at the opposite ends of the horizon!

Everyone was stunned!

Yi Ping had been right!

There were two others that were secretly watching them!

Lord Tian Zhong and the two other old Arhat Practitioners were also stunned and they had turned ashen!

Who may they be that they could even cause the Lord Tian Zhong to be fearful?

Even the Goddess Isa and Goddess Aiel had completely turned as white as sheet!

The Universal Old Man muttered to the Goddess Aiel, "They are friends or foes?"

The Goddess Aiel began to tremble as she whispered anxiously, "Either way, we are in a big trouble. The maiden in white used to be a Zen Practitioner but she has since joined the side of the Arhat Practitioners. The maiden in black used to be an Arhat Practitioner and is also one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals. However she has since defected and joined the Goddess Theocracy."

Everyone was stunned!

So that means that these two heavenly maidens were not on the same side?

Slowly Lord Tian Zhong turned to the heavenly maiden in white who was fingering a long willow branch, "Our respects to the Goddess of Mercy. I didn't know that the Goddess of Mercy is here today..."

He stole a glance at the heavenly maiden in black before continuing, "It seems that we have an extra company today. The Goddess Asura is actually here. I wonder if the Goddess of Mercy will be able to aid us against her?"

The Goddess Asura!

No wonder the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel had both turned ashen!

It was because the Goddess Asura was said to be the current Eternal Goddess of the Goddess Theocracy!

The Goddess of Mercy replied coldly, “On account of what must I aid you? After all, we are from a different immortal clan. I am not interested in wasting my strength to fight one of the strongest practitioners in the Immortal Realm!”

Lord Tian Zhong was stunned as he stammered, “You are not helping us?”

The Goddess of Mercy answered coldly, “No! Why don’t you ask if your opponent is interested to fight you first before asking for my aid?”

Lord Tian Zhong smiled weakly, “The Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel are both from the Goddess Theocracy. If she doesn’t help then I will really be surprised!”

The heavenly maiden in black said serenely, “Oh? Actually I don’t intend to aid them at all...”

She seemed to stare at the Goddess Aiel, “But I am really annoyed when someone has suggested that the Goddess Isa is the second best fighter in the Goddess Theocracy...”

She added coldly, “...therefore I have decided to punish them myself.”

Yi Ping interrupted coldly, “Then you have to get past my sword first!”

But instead of getting angry with him, the Goddess Asura began to smile alluringly to him instead. This caused Yi Ping to be startled!

The Goddess Asura smiled gently, “You are Yi Ping? That is your divine sword the Celestial Alice? No wonder the Goddess Celestial Alice thinks of you day and night.”

Yi Ping was even more startled as he muttered, “Maiden Ziyan...”

Lord Tian Zhong gasped, “The Celestial Alice Divine Sword!”

All of sudden the Goddess of Mercy raised her eyebrows as she resonated with a surprise expression, “What? That is the Celestial Alice Divine Sword? The divine sword of the Dark Cosmos Lord?”

She had all of a sudden interrupted coldly as she walked forward, “I have decided to enact my great mercy by showering my compassions for

my fellow Arhat Practitioners...”

Lord Tian Zhong and the other two old monks were speechless!



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The Goddess Asura hummed coldly as she stepped forward, “So you are hankering over the Celestial Alice Divine Sword. Do you think that I will allow you?”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly as she began to take rapid steps forward, “Did you just say that you want to teach them a lesson? Let me offer you my compassionate help too!”

The Goddess Asura answered coldly as her golden eyes began to flicker, “Humph! Humph! No need. I can handle it. The Celestial Alice Divine Sword belongs to the Goddess Theocracy and not to anyone else...”

She stole a glance at Yi Ping before saying, “And it is decided by the Goddess Theocracy that this Yi Ping will temporary hold the Celestial Alice Divine Sword on our behalf. Anyone that has funny designs on the Celestial Alice Divine Sword shall face the consequences of opposing the Goddess Theocracy!”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly when he had caught her glance as he thought, “Just a few moments ago, we are about to draw swords against each other. Is she really on our side or she has an ulterior motive?”

The Goddess Isa mustered what little strength she had to say feebly, “Yi...Ping...she has her own agenda...don’t be a fool to trust...her...”

The Goddess of Mercy gave a wryly smile as she said, “Oh but there are four of us here and only one of you right now!”

Everyone was half-amused.

That was exactly what Lord Tian Zhong had said to belittle Yi Ping and his group earlier!

The Goddess of Mercy was implying that none of them were their match except for the Goddess Asura!

The Goddess Asura smiled coldly, “As if I am afraid of you!”

Yi Ping shook the dust from his robes as he said coldly to the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy, "I say again. I will protect Isa. If you want to get her or my sword then you have to fight me first. All five of you can have a go at me at the same time!"

The Goddess of Mercy took a closer look at Yi Ping before she answered coldly, "Mortal, you speak too hasty. There is always a higher peak and someone greater. Repent now or I shall make you pay dearly for your blasphemy."

Yi Ping replied coldly, "You really think you are a Goddess and above us?"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly, "Naturally I am."

All of a sudden Lele was on her feet as she said weakly, "You call yourself the Goddess of Mercy? What happens to your compassion?"

Yi Ping, Yixian and the rest were startled that Lele was on her feet again after such a short time.

Yixian was worried that Lele may be forcibly suppressing the harmful martial energies that they had received earlier. If so, the repercussion would be extremely severe as she may suffer a phenomenon deviation or serious internal injuries. Moreover even if she did purge out the erratic energies out, what was the point? She was not their match!

Yixian herself had already purged out the erratic energies but she was concentrating on regaining her martial strength and waiting for an opportunity to intervene.

So she said hastily, "Lele, calm down please."

Han Lin was also startled as she urged at the same time, "They are all true immortal practitioners. At our current condition, we won't stand a chance..."

The Goddess Aiel had popped a pill into her mouth in the meantime as she hastily sought to regain her martial strength even as she was cursing softly, "What a waste of my good pill. What a bad timing..."

The Celeste Wind Maiden smiled weakly at her, “My Mistress, do you have any more pills to spare?”

The Goddess Aiel looked at her pouch before replying artfully, “It is dangerous to consume my pills in your current state...”

Han Lin was half-amused as she interrupted softly, “What a good excuse! When she is fully recuperated, do you think that she will require your divine pills?”

The Goddess Aiel began to flush lightly as she smiled weakly, “Han Lin, this is not the time to start an internal strife.”

Han Lin replied coldly, “Now is not the time to be selfish or be calculating either. Xiao Qian may be our last hope. Even if we can’t defeat them, she may survive to exact vengeance for us a thousand years later!”

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly as she took a divine pill and handed over to the Celeste Wind Maiden, “Xiao Qian, your swiftness movement skill has almost no equal. Run if you are able to and don’t forget to seek vendetta for us!”

The Celeste Wind Maiden took a forlorn look in the direction of Yi Ping before looking at the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin and Jing’Er, “We have known each other for such a long time that we are not simply a master and servant relationship. We are like...close sisters...”

She popped the divine pill before she smiled gently at them, “We are a group of bickering sisters. Even though my Mistress has always been selfish and calculating but I know that in the end she has always put our best interest in her heart. Therefore I refuse to leave and will fight to the very end instead!”

The Goddess Aiel cursed softly, “Why are you so foolish...”

The Celeste Wind Maiden smiled, “Other protégé mistresses and masters will have flown into a terrible rage when others have consumed their most precious divine pill or talk back to them but you are different from all the others that I have known. You have never for once lost your

temper at us. I have always suspected that your selfish antic is to hide your true state of divinity from the others. I am right. No one suspect that you are an immortal practitioner.”

The Universal Old Man could not help interrupting weakly as he coughed out a bout of black blood, “If you have known her while she is still the Sagess Ai then you will surely know that she is the best and is selfless. The real selfish one is actually me. I have freaked out at her generosity and...”

He looked at the Heaveness before sighing softly, “...that I have joined another group of celestials because I have thirsted for the knowledge and treasures of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

The Goddess Aiel was beaming with tears as she said coarsely, “No more please...”

Lie Qing said quietly, “She is certainly a really bad actress.”

The Universal Old Man said weakly, “...now I know why. She is actually an immortal practitioner. All along I have a precious treasure beside me but I did not know how to treasure her...”

The Goddess Aiel looked away as she cried softly, “No more please! Enough!”

Lingfeng the Heaveness caught the Universal Old Man on his shoulder as she shook her head gently.

The Universal Old Man sighed miserably...

Meanwhile, the Goddess of Mercy seemed to stare blankly for just a while before her golden eyes flickered all of a sudden as she said coldly to Lele, “That is just my immortal title when I was still a Zen Practitioner but it has no meaning now. I am much more enlightened now. If I don’t go to hell and experience the agonizing suffering then I won’t attain enlightenment.”

Lele immediately interrupted coldly as she raised her Divine Echo, “Rubbish!”

She raised her voice to say coldly, "I am the Joyful Goddess, Prime Celestial of the Celestial Palace. I hereby challenge all of you!"

The Goddess of Mercy smirked coldly, "Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Fa, Reverend Du Shang, what are you all waiting for?"

Reverend Du Fa who was the old monk standing on the right side of Lord Tian Zhong immediately said, "We will naturally make a move but is not now!"

The Goddess of Mercy asked coldly, "What do you mean?"

Reverend Du Shang said, "We have no wish to interfere with the Goddess Asura or with you. After all, we are low ranking immortal practitioners."

Lord Tian Zhong said solemnly, "That is right. We are only teasing them earlier. After all, we are fellow immortal practitioners."

Lie Qing laughed coldly as she said, "They are waiting for the outcome of the duel between the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy. Then they will seize the opportunity to nail down these two troublesome foes and to seize the Celestial Alice Divine Sword for themselves. This stratagem is called downplaying oneself to wait for an opportune time and planning an offensive by faking a withdrawal!"

The Goddess of Mercy stared at Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Fa and Reverend Du Shang coldly before saying, "The Arhat Practitioners of the Enamel Sect are really humorous."

Lord Tian Zhong stroked his long white beard before saying, "However as far as I know the Goddess of Mercy from the Eight Lotus Immortal Sect is not known for retracting her words and will go to great lengths to ensure everything she has said is followed to the tiniest detail."

Reverend Du Shang added wryly, "Even to the point of betraying the Zen Practitioners and to join the Arhat Practitioners because of her pledge."

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly, "Very good. It seems that you know me more than I know myself."

Reverend Du Shang smiled, “It is because you are an eminent immortal practitioner in the Immortal Realm after all.”

The Goddess of Mercy then proceeded to look coldly at Yi Ping, Lele and the Goddess Asura.

Yi Ping said quietly as he clasped tightly the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice, “I am ready!”

Lele raised her long black scythe on her right hand and the Divine Echo on her left hand as she said, “I am ready as well!”

The Goddess Asura took out a black rod that had two golden hexagon heads from behind her. With a sudden spin, it had become a long black staff with two golden hexagon heads as she hummed coldly, “Whatever!”

The Goddess Isa was startled, “The Symphony of Destiny!”

Even the Goddess Aiel was startled, “How did she get that divine staff?”

Lingfeng’s curiosity was piqued, “What is that staff?”

The Goddess Aiel said quietly, “That is not just a divine staff. That is an immortal weapon that is wielded by the Goddess Celestial Alice.”

Lingfeng was startled, “It is an immortal weapon?”

The Goddess Aiel nodded slowly, “Like the Heavenly Earth Sword and the Divine Constellation, it is also an immortal weapon. It is a very formidable weapon....but how did she come into possession of it...”

The Goddess Asura smiled coldly, “That is because I am an Ex-Eternal Goddess of the Goddess Theocracy. That is why. What so surprising about it? The Symphony of Destiny is the leadership sectarian symbol of the Goddess Theocracy.”

The Goddess of Mercy, Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang and Reverend Du Fa were puzzled.

Lord Tian Zhong asked, “Ex-Eternal Mistress? What do you mean? You have retired already and have appointed another as Eternal Goddess?”

The Goddess Asura chuckled jovially as she smiled amusedly. Finally

she smiled at them before saying, "Haven't you heard? The Goddess Celestial Alice is back so naturally I have to step down. But by her grace, I am allowed to keep the Symphony of Destiny."

Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang and Reverend Du Fa had turned pale immediately!

Reverend Du Fa stammered, "She...is still alive? Where is she now?"

The Goddess of Mercy was startled as well.

The Goddess Asura replied, "Naturally she is here in the Stellar Sanctuary as well. Maybe she is around the vicinity but with your present divinity, it is impossible for you to sense her."

Immediately Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang and Reverend Du Fa were scanning their surroundings nervously!

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "She is here?!"

The Goddess of Mercy said calmly to the three Arhat Practitioners, "Don't fret. She is just calling a bluff. Given her unfriendly disposability toward us, if the Goddess Celestial Alice is here she would have shown up already. Moreover there are four of us and only two of them."

Lord Tian Zhong asked nervously, "The Goddess Celestial Alice is really here?"

The Goddess Asura hummed coldly, "What? Are you fearful already? You know that by the decree of the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Stellar Sanctuary is forbidden to all the other immortal practitioners."

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly, "We are the Arhat Practitioners and we don't care about the stupid rules that are set by the Zen Practitioners. All we care of now is that the Pangu Immortal Formation is now broken and we are free to enter the Stellar Sanctuary."

Yi Ping muttered, "The Pangu Immortal Formation?"

The Goddess of Mercy continued, "Do you really think that the rest of the Zen Practitioners really care about the edict of the Goddess Celestial Alice? Along the way, I have sent several of them into oblivion!"

The Goddess Asura hummed coldly, “Serves them right for defying the edict of the Goddess Celestial Alice!”

The Goddess of Mercy was slightly taken aback as she asked, “Have you no compassion for your fellow Zen Practitioners?”

The Goddess Asura replied nonchalantly, “They know that they are risking their lives by coming here. Even if you don’t kill them, they would have been killed by the numerous denizens and immortal formations of the Stellar Sanctuary. Since the result is predictable, why should I grieve for them?”

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, “Then may I know why the Great Goddess Asura is here in the Stellar Sanctuary? Why waste your precious immortal life for foolish immortals like us?”

The Goddess Asura laughed softly, “I am risking my life? What makes you think so? I don’t think so.”

The Goddess of Mercy furrowed her golden eyes as she muttered, “Oh?”

The Goddess Asura said, “While this is your first time in the Stellar Sanctuary, this is already my seventh time in the Stellar Sanctuary.”

The Universal Old Man was startled as he muttered, “It is her seventh time?! The Stellar Sanctuary has appeared only seven times throughout the history of the Celestial Realm. As for me, this is only my fifth time in the Stellar Sanctuary...”

The Universal Old Man was one of the first ancient celestial practitioners to enter the Stellar Sanctuary. He had only missed the Stellar Sanctuary only twice. The first time was because due to the immense distance he was not able to make it in time to the Stellar Sanctuary. The second time was because together with the Heaviness and the Great Lord Sage, they had decided to explore the Astronomic Stellar Formation.

Lingfeng was muttering, “How is it possible?”

The Goddess of Mercy was also muttering, “How is it possible? But even then...”



The Goddess Asura laughed softly as she continued for her, “But even then the trip to the Stellar Sanctuary can still be treacherous and there is still the Pangu Immortal Formation. The Pangu Immortal Formation is created by the Goddess Celestial Alice and so naturally, there are instructions on how to bypass it in the Goddess Theocracy. That is one advantage of being an Eternal Goddess. Am I right to say so?”

She smiled gleefully before continuing, “And of course, not many people know that there is a map of the Stellar Sanctuary. I don’t have to fight if I feel I am taking a risk. Most of the time, I am a silent observer.”

She stole a glance at the Universal Old Man and the Heaviness, “There are only the two of you now. There used to be the three of you.”

She shot a look at the Goddess Aiel, “Do you really think that the Goddess Theocracy isn’t aware that you have been secretly entering the Stellar Sanctuary? By my grace, I merely observe and take no action.”

The Goddess Aiel said defiantly, “Don’t forget that I had been banished to the Celestial Realm. Therefore I have the right to enter the Stellar Sanctuary...”

The Goddess of Mercy interrupted coldly as she took out a large golden mirror, “That is enough talk already!”

The Goddess Isa gasped softly, “The Heavens Sundering Mirror!”

The Goddess of Mercy said icily, “That is right! That is my immortal weapon. I didn’t want to take the Heavens Sundering Mirror out but since the Goddess Asura has already taken the Symphony of Destiny out, she is leaving me with no other choice!”

Lord Tian Zhong clasped his long scepter as he exclaimed aloud, “Good! The Heavens Sundering Mirror! An immortal weapon that is the equal to the Symphony of Destiny!”

The Goddess Aiel was gasping nervously, “If the two immortal weapons clashed against each other, the consequences of their impact cannot be imagined!”

Lingfeng was also trembling slightly as she warned, “If the Universal

Force is within these two immortal weapons then it is advisable for us to steer as far away as possible.”

The Goddess Asura hummed coldly as she agreed, “That is right. Enough talk already.”

As she said, she lifted the Symphony of Destiny gently in front of her but everyone could feel a cold fluttering wind gushing against them!

Yi Ping was startled as he muttered, “Even at this distance, I can feel her martial strength...is it due to her unfathomable internal strength or her immortal weapon? And how does my divine sword fare against these two immortal weapons?”

The Goddess Asura said coldly as she walked rapidly toward Yi Ping, “Four versus one?”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled gently, “You are underestimating Lord Tian Zhong and his fellow Arhat Practitioners. Maybe you are not aware that they have almost perfected their Subduing Demons Tri-Formation. Even for me, I may not be able to defeat the three of them at the same time!”

Lord Tian Zhong smiled weakly, “Thank you for reminding us...”

Lie Qing whispered to her group, “This is called inflating the ego of the others so that they will become overconfident. In this case, confident is the decisive factor in their confrontation against the Goddess Asura.”

The Goddess of Mercy laughed softly as she too, walked rapidly toward Yi Ping. At the same time, her mirror began to glow with a brilliant light that even her face appeared to be gleaming brightly!

Yi Ping had also stepped forward as he looked at Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Fa and Reverend Du Shang as he said weakly, “Don’t force my hand...”

Lele had also stepped next to Yi Ping as she whispered to him, “Most likely the Goddess of Mercy will be trying to engage the Goddess Asura. It is because she cannot afford to allow a dangerous foe on her back. Therefore we will just focus on that Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang

and Reverend Du Fa.”

Even though it was a just soft whisper but to these super exponents, they could clearly hear her plans.

But Lele was not afraid to let them know their intentions. It was because she was stating the obvious!

Yi Ping nodded carefully but he said, “Lele, I can handle this alone...”

To the utter surprise of Yi Ping and to everyone, Lele nodded and took three steps back as she said nonchalantly. “You can fight alone. I am too weak to fight anyway.”

Han Lin smiled, “Lele, you have just given me a good scare. No matter what, Lord Tian Zhong is leagues above us and it takes courage to admit our failings. It is not a shame to admit defeat in the face of a superior opponent...”

All of a sudden they were interrupted by a furious implosion when the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy had made their moves against each other!

A series of icy cold windforce immediately stirred from around them!

The Universal Old Man was startled, “They are obviously internal arts practitioner but they were able to create such a strong icy wind...”

The Celeste Wind Maiden immediately said as she lifted her sleeve to take a step back, “...it is similar to sword energies but it is not...”

Yixian said, “They are both negative internal arts experts...”

As the Goddess Asura attacked the Goddess of Mercy with her Symphony of Destiny, the air around her exploded thunderous when she had imbued her immortal weapon with her martial power!

The Goddess of Mercy parried the Symphony of Destiny with the Heavens Sundering Mirror. There was a brilliant light that was followed by a thunderous implosion!

Immediately the ground beneath them gave way as imploding dusts scattered in all directions!

Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Fa, Reverend Du Shang and Yi Ping had barely taken a step forward when the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy had attacked each other!

In a blink of an eye, the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy had displayed a dozen ingenious strokes!

As the Goddess of Mercy swung the Heavens Sunder Mirror, a beacon of light flashed past the Goddess Asura. As that beacon of light struck the ground, it exploded thunderously into a pillar of towering flames!

The Goddess of Mercy said icily, "I will disintegrate your golden body into dust and destroy your soul once and for all!"

As the same time she had suddenly displayed a flurry of palm attacks charged with her deadly martial power with her left hand as she shouted, "Thousand Weaving Hands!"

The Goddess Asura hummed coldly as she slammed the Symphony of Destiny into the ground. Immediately a thunderous burst of martial explosion so earthshaking erupted from around her that everyone could feel the ground shaking underneath them!

But her opponent was the Goddess of Mercy who quickly parted the martial explosion with her Heavens Sundering Mirror and her Thousand Weaving Hands as she flew into her!

The Goddess Asura was not slow to react either as she raised both hands into dozens of claws as she cried out, "The Phantom Claws!"

Immediately there were dozens of explosive flurries!

Even an immortal practitioner like Lord Tian Zhong and the Goddess Isa could barely count the number of exchanges that had taken place!

The Goddess Isa gasped out, "I have heard that the Goddess of Mercy has an epitome martial divine skill that is called the Thousand Weaving Hands. Today I have finally witnessed it...she can actually part the martial outburst of the Symphony of Destiny with her bare hands..."

The Goddess Aiel muttered, "Who will win? But whatever is the

outcome, it won't be good for us..."

Lord Tian Zhong laughed as he looked piercingly at Yi Ping, "No matter who wins or loses in the end, you won't get to see it. That is because it won't take long for us to defeat you and seize the Celestial Alice from you..."

Yi Ping interrupted coldly with a shout, "Fat hope!"

When he had shouted, he had already leapt forward!

Lord Tian Zhong raised his palm forward, "The Big Dipper Hands!"

And the other two old monks did the same too as they mustered all their martial power to shout at the same time, "The Big Dipper Hands!"

Yi Ping shouted, "The Asper Divinity!"

All of a sudden there was three bursts of martial outburst that swirled around him and exploding outward!

Immediately the entire ground beneath them shook violently as the four imploding forces made a headlong collision!

Everyone that was concerned for Yi Ping was gasping!

Even the movements of the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy seemed to be slowed down...

As Yi Ping invoked the Asper Divinity, almost immediately he had raised the Celestial Antonym Alice which was the heavier divine sword of the two as he shouted, "Heavens Encompassing Stroke!"

And at the same time he had also raised the lighter Celestial Alice to shout next, "The Divine Horizon Sword!" as he sent dozens of piercing windforce forward to neutralize the crushing effects of the three Big Dipper Hands!

Yixian was trembling as she prayed softly, "Ping'Er..."

It was because she knew the effects of using three epitome techniques at the same time could cause a serious repercussion!

Lie Qing was startled as she gasped too. Was it even possible to use two

or three epitome techniques at the same time without negating the earlier techniques?

Golden intricate lines began to surface on the Celestial Synonym Alice as it took the form of a golden dragon with five claws!

To the utter surprise of everyone, Reverend Du Fa was suddenly cut down even before Yi Ping had reached him while Lord Tian Zhong seemed to have received an invisible hard knock as he was forced back three steps with his long scepter raised defensively in front of him!

He too was wondering what was going on!

But before he could ponder further, Yi Ping had unleashed the Heavens Encompassing Stroke at them with the Celestial Antonym Alice!

Lord Tian Zhong roared angrily as did Reverend Du Shang as they raised their staff and palms at Yi Ping!

Yang Min suddenly said, "This is the same technique that had defeated the Demon Bull King!"

There was a tremendous explosion as the three of them clashed together!

All of a sudden Yi Ping had fallen backward as he coughed out a bout of blood while Lord Tian Zhong and Reverend Du Shang were flung off to the side!

All the maidens began to shout panicky, "Yi Ping, Ping'Er!"

Lord Tian Zhong simply could not believe that Yi Ping had the martial strength to force them back!

But he calmly got to his feet together with Reverend Du Shang and the bloodied Reverend Du Da; it was because they had already won!

Reverend Du Shang said breathlessly, "He is just a mere celestial practitioner but his show of martial strength was pretty impressive."

Indeed Yi Ping was on his ground and he was struggling to stand now. All of his martial strength had departed from him!

Yixian, Lie Qing, Yang Min, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Lingfeng, Youxue and Han Lin were all crowding around Yi Ping panicky.

Even the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel had risen to their feet as they looked at Lord Tian Zhong defiantly!

Lord Tian Zhong warned coldly, "Get lost or don't blame me for being nasty!"

Just as he was about to take a step forward, there were two screams that had come from the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy!

It was because Lele had suddenly interrupted their fight!

Lele had locked her palms at both the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Asura at the same time!

What was going on?!

The Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy had both turned extremely pale while Lele seemed spirited all of a sudden!

The Goddess of Mercy gasped softly, "You! You dare to drain our internal strength!"

The Goddess Asura gasped feebly, "The Celestial Force! How did you learn this demonic skill?! What is your relationship with the Jade Emperor!?"

Lele muttered softly, "He is my grandpa! I didn't want to use this skill but the two of you leave me with no other choices!"

The Goddess of Mercy gasped weakly, "Impossible! The Jade Emperor is still alive?!"

Lele said icily, "What do you think?"

The Goddess Asura had broken into a cold sweat as she muttered to the Goddess of Mercy, "This is not the time to ask this. Quick release your hold on us...or...."

Lele said, "Or I will pay dearly for this?"

The Goddess of Mercy gasped weakly, "Please! Let go of us...I don't want

my years of attainment to be ruined...”

Lele said coldly, “Then beg me! The two of you!”

The Goddess of Mercy said weakly, “I plead with you...”

The Goddess Asura gasped painfully as she cried out, “I begging you to stop...anything you say...”

Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang and Reverend Du Fa had all turned ashen when they had heard the name of the Jade Emperor being mentioned!

Reverend Du Shang stammered, “This is really the true Celestial Force?”

Reverend Du Fa asked, “Do we help the Goddess of Mercy or not?”

Yi Ping was startled but he quickly composed himself as he urged hastily, “Lele let them go immediately!”

Everyone else was also startled at this sudden reversal!

No one had noticed Lele when she had suddenly interrupted the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy!

Lie Qing asked, “What skill is this?!”

Lele whispered softly, “The Boundless Celestial Absorbing Skill...”

Lele had once asked the Jade Emperor, “Grandpa, I don’t understand why the Holy Amalgamate Skill has the ability to drain the others of their internal strength but the Celestial Force did not seem to have the ability. I have thought that the Holy Amalgamate Skill originates from the Celestial Force? Or is it because my Negative Celestial Force lacks the ability to drain?”

The Jade Emperor laughed, “Lele, you are asking me a question yet you are giving me so many answers to choose from.”

Lele said unhappily, “It must be that our Celestial Force is weaker than the Holy Amalgamate Skill! Or is it because you taught me a weaker version of the Celestial Force. Or because you enjoy letting the Celestial Liege bullies me!”



The Jade Emperor turned solemnly, "Our Celestial Force does have the ability to drain practitioners of their internal strength. Unlike the Holy Amalgamate Skill which only drains the internal strength of the practitioners temporary, our Celestial Force can drain the internal strength of the other practitioners permanently and add it to our own!"

Lele asked, "Oh really? Even from practitioners with a different internal strength from us?"

The Jade Emperor replied solemnly, "Yes. However you can only use the absorbing skill only once and is always exclusive reserved for your strongest opponent."

Lele asked excitedly, "You mean I can drain the Invincible Divine Force and add it as my own?"

The Jade Emperor laughed, "The Invincible Divine Force is an exception and you must never absorb it."

Lele asked curiously, "Oh?"

The Jade Emperor warned solemnly, "Or you will end up being drained of your internal strength by the practitioners of the Invincible Divine Force. It is because the most important intricate heart formulas of this unique divine skill are the 'Drain Intricacy' and the 'Negate Intricacy'. The moment that you have tried to amalgamate your opponent's internal strength is also the moment the practitioner of the Invincible Divine Force is able to absorb it back. So be warned!"

Lele looked a little disappointed as she gave a soft sigh but she quickly asked again, "Then what is the name of this secret absorbing art?"

The Jade Emperor replied gently, "The Boundless Celestial Absorbing Skill."

Lele clapped her hands happily, "Then Grandpa you must teach me. Then I will be able to teach my brother a lesson!"

The Jade Emperor sighed softly, "I didn't say I will teach you."

# Chapter 146: The Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity

Yi Ping shouted coarsely, “Lele, let them go and I mean now! Or you will surely die!”

He could barely stand but his eyes were firm and fierce!

Yixian, Lingfeng and Lie Qing were startled for they had never seen Yi Ping with such a fierce expression before!

Lele muttered as she looked at Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Fa and Reverend Du Shang, “But we still have strong foes ahead of us...”

But nevertheless she had suddenly released her hold on the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy who immediately crumbled to the ground!

As Lele released her hold on the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy, everyone could see that her golden eyes had turned a deep golden and a golden aura seemed be radiating around her!

Even her Heaven Eyes seemed to be flickering!

A golden sun had suddenly appeared in the white skies and the entire vicinity was suddenly filled with a warm golden light before it disappeared all of a sudden!

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh of relief, “Lucky!”

The Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Isa, Lord Tian Zhong, Reverend Du Shang and Reverend Du Shang all had a stunned expression!

Lord Tian Zhong muttered, “How is it possible? She is an immortal practitioner now...”

The Goddess Isa gasped, “It didn’t descend...the...”

She was soon coughing weakly but the Goddess Aiel continued for her, “The Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity did not descend!”

The Goddess Isa continued, “Before a celestial practitioner can ascend

to be an immortal practitioner, they have to first overcome the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity...”

The Goddess Isa looked at Yi Ping shockingly as she asked weakly, “You know this will happen, didn’t you?”

Yi Ping said simply as he shook his head, “I only know that if Lele continues to drain their internal strength to a certain limit, she will surely suffer a backlash. I didn’t know about the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity. But if things go to the extreme, it will surely suffer a reversal!”

That was why Yi Ping had to stop Lele!

That was why he was warning her fiercely because he cared for her!

Lele had a tiny tear droplet in her eyes as she muttered, “Thank you, Ping’Er...”

But she quickly said hurriedly as she flushed, “So you do care about me. I am flattered!”

Lingfeng and the Universal Old Man began to listen with interest!

The Universal Old Man stammered, “I have never heard of this divine calamity before. So this is the divine calamity that we are seeking for in all these years...”

Shi Shi nodded quietly as she muttered, “Yes it is...”

Yang Min said, “We all know that there is the Immortal Realm after the Celestial Realm and that are there immortals but no one has ever ascended to the Immortal Realm except for the Dark Chaos Lord. That is why we are all here in the Stellar Sanctuary so that we can seek the elusive Immortal Practice to further our enlightenment.”

She stole a look at the Goddess Aiel before asking, “But it seems that the Immortal Realm is as disorderly as the Celestial Realm.”

The Goddess Aiel muttered quietly, “But even then, don’t give up trying. I can only say to you that it is true that the Immortal Realm has no Divine Calamity. When you have gone through the Nine Heavenly Wrath Tribulations, you can awake your Heaven Eyes and one day you will find

the path to the First Heaven of the Immortal Realm.”

Lingfeng the Heaviness was startled as she asked, “What do you mean? You mean that the purpose of the Nine Heavenly Wrath Tribulations for the Ancient Celestials is just to open the Heaven Eyes?!”

The Goddess Aiel nodded, “Why do you think my Heaven Eyes is sealed? The Immortal Realm is an invisible realm and only visible to the most enlightened practitioners.”

She looked quietly at the Heaviness and at the Celestial Fairy before saying, “You are lucky that you can prematurely open your Heaven Eyes without losing your life. That can only happen if the practitioner is extremely lucky or enlightened. That is all that I can say to you.”

Lingfeng muttered, “The First Heavens of the Immortal Realm...where is it?”

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, “You don’t have to worry about that first. The Stellar Sanctuary has numerous secrets and knowledge that even the Immortals thirst for but is forbidden to them. It is because the Great God Pangu decreed that the Stellar Sanctuary can only descend to the Celestial Realm.”

Youxue asked curiously, “Why can’t the Immortals descend to the Celestial Realm? Isn’t it such a simple thing?”

The Goddess Aiel smiled gently, “It is not because they did not want to but they can’t!”

Youxue said, “Oh?”

The Goddess Aiel explained, “Firstly, they can’t descend to the Celestial Realm. Just like you can’t return to the Mortal Realm anymore, the Immortals in the Immortal Realm are unable to descend to the Celestial Realm. But of course, there are many means to move between the three realms but there is an exacting price to pay for it. Unless it is necessary, even the Goddess Celestial Alice is reluctant to descend to the lower realms.”

She paused briefly before continuing, “Secondly, no one knows for sure

where the Stellar Sanctuary will be descending next. Thirdly, the Pangu Immortal Formation that surrounds the Stellar Sanctuary hides it from the prying eyes of even the most powerful immortal practitioners.”

Youxue muttered anxiously, “That means that these immortal practitioners that are in the Stellar Sanctuary are either the most powerful Immortals or those with the most resources at their disposal...”

The Goddess Aiel nodded quietly, “That is right.”

In the meantime, the Goddess Asura had sat in a meditation position with her eyes closed as she muttered softly to Lele, “Thank you...”

The Goddess of Mercy was also in a meditation position but with her right hand touching her bended forehead, “You don’t have to be grateful to her. After all, she has stolen our precious internal strength.”

There were tears on the cheek of the Goddess Asura as she whispered softly, “This is all pre-destiny. Why should I be bothered?”

The Goddess of Mercy said melancholy, “Then why are you crying?”

The Goddess Asura replied coldly, “The dust has got into my eyes.”

The Goddess of Mercy asked again, “You have lost a lot of your internal strength?”

The Goddess Asura replied coldly, “Not a lot. Just one tenth! What about you?”

Actually she had lost one fifth of her internal strength but she refused to admit it!

The Goddess of Mercy opened her eyes to look at the Goddess Asura before saying, “I didn’t lose a lot either. It is just one tenth too.”

Actually she had lost a fifth of her internal strength too!

Lele was amused as she said, “I am just next to you but the two of you are chatting as though I am invisible!”

The Goddess Asura replied quietly, “We have lost to you. There is nothing left for me to say. I was too careless and underestimate you.”

The Goddess of Mercy took a look at Yi Ping before saying melancholy, “We shouldn’t have crossed palms with you. Alas! Do you know that given our martial strength, the Boundless Celestial Absorbing Skill won’t work on us for we will certainly be able to free ourselves in a nick of time! But you have taken advantage of us and used the Boundless Celestial Absorbing Skill when we are least suspecting...”

All of a sudden the Goddess Isa said panicky, “Lele, kill them now! They are just dragging the time. In no time, they will be able to recover their martial strength!”

Lele was startled as she muttered, “Kill them? They are defenseless now...”

All of a sudden Lord Tian Zhong leapt into the air with his palm with a great martial shout toward the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy, “If you are too soft hearted then let me help you!”

Lord Zhong Tian had wanted to use the opportunity to seize the Celestial Alice from Yi Ping but he had noticed that the Goddess Aiel, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Han Lin, Yixian and Lie Qing had formed a defensive circle around Yi Ping!

However he had noticed that the Symphony of Destiny and the Heavens Sundering Mirror were lying temptingly on the ground!

These two were immortal weapons of the most powerful class!

If he could seize it then he would be able to increase his level of enlightenment and also gained for himself a formidable immortal weapon!

The bloodied Reverend Du Fa also made a leapt toward the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy as he shouted, “Protégé Brother, let me help you. Junior Protégé Brother, go and seize the Celestial Alice!”

Reverend Du Shang cursed softly, “What a good deal that I got here. While the two of you are seizing the immortal weapons for yourself, I got to seize the Celestial Alice which is a public property...”

Yi Ping had suddenly leapt forward to intercept Lord Tian Zhong and

Reverend Du Fa as he coughed weakly to the Celeste Wind Maiden, “Maiden Xiao Qian, can you hold off Reverend Du Shang for just a while?”

In a blink of an eye, the Celeste Wind Maiden had already raised her Celeste Wind Divine Sword to intercept Reverend Du Shang!

Reverend Du Shang was startled at the ferocious speed of the Celeste Wind Maiden as multiple sword strokes appeared in front of him. He was forced to take a step back even as he sent explosive palm forces of the Big Dipper Hand toward her!

Lie Qing raised her Perpetual Darkness as she sent a piercing cold sword energy toward Reverend Du Shang, “Maiden Xiao Qian, let me help you!”

The Goddess Aiel had also raised her hands to send fluttering windforce around her as she displayed her Inverting Universe, “I am not afraid of you. With or without my martial strength!”

Han Lin said coolly as she jumped up, “Don’t forget about me as well!”

Immediately there were several shockwaves that exuded from the ground!

Reverend Du Shang was startled when the shockwaves negated the effects of his Big Dipper Hands as he took another step backward, “What is that?”

Han Lin replied coldly as she raised her hand into a cutting stroke, “I am not afraid of you either!”

Lingfeng was also beside Han Lin as she hit the palm of the Reverend Du Shang, “Don’t forget about me too!”

Because Reverend Du Shang had found himself fighting against so many opponents at the same time, he was not able to use his full strength against Lingfeng or else he would surely be able to send her flying backward.

Yixian had also displayed several sword strokes with the Heavenly Earth Sword at the Reverend Du Shang as she said coldly, “I especially dislike

foes that take advantage of others when they are down.”

The Goddess Isa saw a shimmer of hope as she muttered, “Everyone...”

At the same time Yi Ping had raised the Celestial Alice at Lord Tian Zhong as he intercepted him!

There was a bursting martial impact when swords and staff had crossed paths!

Lord Tian Zhong was startled as he hummed coldly, “I didn’t expect that you still have this much strength but you will soon realize that your actions will be futile!”

He did not know that Yi Ping had been through many arduous fights and had by several lucky encounters had also consumed many miraculous things. So what seemed to be extremely draining to the others may not be the case for Yi Ping!

Reverend Du Fa was about to seize the opportunity to strike Yi Ping when Youxue had suddenly repulsed him with the Divine Emerald Force!

Reverend Du Fa was startled as he raised the Big Dipper Hands with all his might against her but Youxue had raised her hands to receive his blow!

There was a thunderous impact and Reverend Du Fa found himself taking three steps backward as he coughed out blood while Youxue remained where she was serenely!

He was stunned as he coughed out more blood, “My Big Dipper Hands will lose to you?! That is impossible!”

Youxue said coldly, “Not everyone is as weary as from the earlier battles. Not everyone is impressive by your show of martial powers.”

Reverend Du Fa was startled when he saw that Youxue had a golden aura around her, “The Golden Invincible Body!”

She had the right to say so because her internal strength foundation was as unfathomable as Yi Ping!

By now Lele had recovered her wits and had raised her Divine Echo



against Lord Tian Zhong as she said coldly, “Don’t you dare!”

Lord Tian Zhong had raised his long scepter as he shouted, “Two versus one is still futile. This time I won’t be merciful. The Dragon Subduing Demon Destroyer Stroke!”

Yi Ping had raised the Celestial Synonym Alice with his left hand as he shouted, “Asper Divinity!”

Three rings of explosive martial force had burst around Yi Ping as they clashed against each other with a thunderous impact!

Lord Tian Zhong shouted, “Your martial strength is still not enough...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping had raised the Celestial Antonym Alice with his right hand to display the Heavens Encompassing Stroke as he struck the divine staff of Lord Tian Zhong with yet another thunderous impact!

At this happened in the same instant when he had just executed the Asper Divinity.

Lord Tian Zhong was startled that Yi Ping was able to use two techniques simultaneous but he remained composed as he shouted, “You are just wasting your faltering strength...”

As he retaliated against Yi Ping after displaying the Dragon Subduing Demon Destroyer Stroke, he had raised his left hand toward the head of Yi Ping with the Big Dipper Hand in an explosive display of his martial power!

“Mortal, you have overestimated yourself. Do you think that the Immortals are a bunch of monks and priests that meditate all day in the Immortal Realm? Let me tell you this, we...”

Lele gasped out, “Ping’Er, be careful!”

But to the utter surprise of Lord Tian Zhong, Yi Ping had swirled the two Celestial Alices as he retracted and slashed and defend against him!

Everyone could see that Yi Ping had suddenly picked up speed as he made dozens of perfectly executed sword slashes at the same time!

Lord Tian Zhong was gasping with shock, “Impossible you have actually

incorporated palm attacks into your swordplay...”

Lord Tian Zhong had been right. Yi Ping had used the Asper Continuum Horizon Hand into his perfect swordplay. But what shock him was that Yi Ping could actually bend the disorderly principles of palm strokes into the orderly principles sword strokes without losing the imbued martial power. He could scarcely believe that this Yi Ping was not even fighting at his full martial strength!

Before he could barely react against these powerful slashes, the two Celestial Alices that were in Yi Ping’s hands had impaled through his defenses with the explosive might of two Ultrapowerful Forces!

Lord Tian Zhong however did not fall as he grabbed the two Celestial Alices with his bare hands, “Who...are you...”

As he turned his head to look at Reverend Du Fa and Reverend Du Shang, he was startled to realize that he was now being surrounded by a group of unfriendly stares!

Where had happened to Reverend Du Fa and Reverend Du Shang?

At the same time when Yi Ping had impaled Lord Tian Zhong, Lingfeng the Heaveness had struck down Reverend Du Shang with a hidden short sword that was in her sleeve!

And she still got the beaming short sword in her right hand that seemed to be transparent in the bright light!

That was the Heaveness’ hidden divine weapon, the Allusion Divine Sword!

Lingfeng coughed out a bout of blood as she quickly displayed the Divine Invigorate Force to recuperate. It was because she had deliberately allowed Reverend Du Shang to hit her so that she could surprise him with her hidden divine sword!

As Du Shang fell onto the ground, he still could not believe his eyes!

Finally his last words were that muttered were, “...you...the...Celestium...Silk...”

Indeed!

Lingfeng was protected by the Celestium Silk and it was the Celestium Silk that had dissipated the bulk of his martial power when he had struck her!

The Goddess Aiel quickly come to the aid of Lingfeng as she jabbed her back with her fingers as she said softly, "That must have hurt. I do have a divine pill with me that may be useful for you..."

Lingfeng was startled at the gesture of the Goddess Aiel as she asked, "You...you are not upset with me anymore?"

The Goddess Aiel smiled gently, "As long as you keep my secrets when we are out, I will not."

As for Reverend Du Fa, he was lying still on the ground in front of Youxue with his eyes wide-opened in disbelief!

Youxue said softly, "Maybe you have the Heaven Eyes to manifold your martial strength but you shouldn't have underestimated your opponent. Compare to the best fighters of the lower realm, you are still far from it!"

Yi Ping looked at Youxue before asking weakly, "The Dominating Force and the Eighteen Hands? Xue'Er, it seems that your martial skills have improved again."

Youxue looked at Yi Ping mesmerizingly, "You are not the only one improving, you know. If he was not in a hurry to disengage from me to seize the immortal weapons, I won't have much of a chance. But he was not focusing at all."

That was indeed Reverend Du Fa's greatest mistake for he had allowed himself to be distracted when he was fighting a dangerous opponent such as Youxue and for belittling her!

Lord Tian Zhong began to laugh aloud even as blood began to foam from his mouth, "We have...all met...our demises...but rest assured that...my fellow immortal practitioners will seek vendetta for us..."

All of a sudden Lord Tian Zhong had breathed his last!

Yi Ping said quietly, “Rest in peace.”

“Good! These troublesome monks are gone now. But there are still the two of us here!” It was the voice of the Goddess Asura!

Everyone quickly turned around and was startled that the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy were on their feet and they were looking as lively as before. It was as though as nothing had happened to them!

They immediately turned pale!

How did they make such a quick recovery?

The Goddess Isa said weakly, “Too late...”

The Goddess Asura fingered her Symphony of Destiny as she looked at the Goddess of Mercy and at Lele, “It seems that we have an unfinished fight?”

Lele smiled weakly as she looked sheepish, “What do you want? You can’t expect me to return you your internal strength? It is irreversible.”

The Goddess Asura said coldly, “I can capture you and force you to teach me the Celestial Force. Then I will make you return my internal strength to me.”

Yi Ping staggered forward as he gasped his divine swords tightly, “Don’t hurt Lele!”

The Goddess Asura said coldly, “After what she has done? Surely you know that it is a taboo to drain the internal strength of others. Moreover the Immortal Realm has an edict to eradicate all the practitioners of the Celestial Force.”

The Goddess of Mercy interrupted coldly, “So you are planning to learn the Celestial Force to regain your internal strength? Did you say that it is all predestined earlier? If your intention is to practice the Celestial Force then I should remove you first.”

The Goddess Asura smiled coldly, “You should be standing on my side. After all, your precious internal strength was also stolen from you. Moreover the Celestial Alice that you have been coveting is right in front

of you.”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly as she said, “That is when you are wrong. I am not only on their side now but I will help them to get rid of you!”

Everyone was startled by her sudden proclamations!

The Goddess Asura was startled, “What do you mean?”

Yi Ping was also bewildered by the Goddess of Mercy. It was because she was the one that had started the offensive first and now she was saying that she was on his side?

The Goddess Isa warned Yi Ping, “Don’t fall for her tricks!”

The Goddess Aiel was also saying the same, “It may be a trick to lure us to group against the Goddess Asura and then when she has done with her, the next target will be us!”

Lie Qing hummed coldly while Shi Shi said, “Let them fight among themselves first. We mustn’t believe a single word from any of them!”

The Goddess of Mercy heaved a soft sigh as she looked shyly at Yi Ping, “You have just saved my life twice. You must know that in the Immortal Realm, I am renowned for my beauty and I have plenty of suitors. However I am disdainful of them. Therefore I had made a vow to pledge myself to the man that is destined to save my life twice. You must know that I have few worthy opponents even in the Immortal Realm and those who can best me are often those that others dare not offend. Therefore to this day, I am still single.”

Everyone including Yi Ping was stunned!

She had already made it so plain obvious that even if Yi Ping was a wooden block, he would be able to understand it!

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Asura were all speechless!

It was because the Goddess of Mercy had indeed made such a vow and she famously would never retract her vows!

Yi Ping had a spinning headache as he asked, "Twice? When did I save your life?"

The Goddess of Mercy replied shyly as she looked at him, "The first time was when you had stopped the Joyful Goddess from draining my internal strength further and the second time was when that Lord Tian Zhong had the intention to seize my Heavens Sundering Mirror."

Yi Ping quickly said, "This is nothing at all. Anyone will have done the same too."

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, "Anyone will have done the same? You are wrong."

The Goddess Asura sighed softly, "So you are really on their side..."

The Goddess of Mercy answered coldly, "Then you should leave now. The sooner it is the better!"

The Goddess Asura broke into a sly smile as she said, "I am afraid that you will be disappointed. Do you think that I will be afraid of you now?"

The Goddess of Mercy asked, "What do you mean?"

The Goddess Asura replied coldly, "In your current state, you may not be able to utilize the full potential of the Heavens Sundering Mirror anymore. Therefore why should I be afraid of you?"

The Goddess of Mercy remained composed as she answered coldly, "You can try."

The Goddess Asura fingered the Symphony of Destiny as she said coldly, "I don't like to repeat myself. Any immortal practitioners that are found in the Stellar Sanctuary must be eliminated. That is the edict of the Goddess Celestial Alice..."

All of a sudden there was a small gentle roar as a small golden Kirin cub appeared from nowhere!

To the utter surprise of everyone, the small golden Kirin cub began to jump jovially around Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled, "Where did it come from?"

Lele immediately replied, "Maybe it likes you!"

The Goddess Asura had turned pale immediately as she said, "I got to go now. Farewell!"

And in a blink of a few eyes, she had vanished from view!

Everyone was stunned!

Lele was the first to regain her wits as she said, "We should hurry and go too. Maybe the mother of this baby cub is right behind us!"

# Chapter 147: Prelude to Battle Heavens

The towering pristine mountains stood in front of the meditating Yi Ping but he was clearly not in the mood to admire the breathtaking views.

Two days had passed after the battle with the three Arhat Practitioners of the Enamel Sect. Although still battle weary, Yi Ping had almost fully recuperated from his injuries and regained much of his martial strength.

The pace of his own recovery astonished even Yi Ping himself. It was because his injuries and strength often took months to recover!

The Goddess Aiel had explained, "It is different in the Stellar Sanctuary. Maybe it is because time flows differently here. The recovery time here is ten times faster than outside the Stellar Sanctuary."

At this moment a golden Kirin cub was sleeping in his lap and at the same time he was being surrounded by a dozen breathtaking heavenly maidens who were meditating next to Yi Ping!

The Universal Old Man was looking in envy but he was also bewildered. It was because he could not understand how so many maidens could have fallen for Yi Ping especially when he was the not the responsive and romantic type.

While there was nothing strange about it, it was indeed strange that they could actually come together and put aside their differences. More strange as these maidens were not weaklings and they all had their fierce individual personalities.

Even the Universal Old Man did not dare to offend them so easily!

They were obviously rivals but they were surprising docile now!

He pretended to look in the other way and continued to meditate.

Even though he knew that the Goddess Aiel did not have him in his heart anymore, he was not sad at all. It was because he really owed her too much. From her expressions when she was looking at Yi Ping, he knew where her heart belonged for it was exactly the same as when the Heaveness looked at Yi Ping!



He was soon thinking, "I know Ai only too well. She is not the type that expresses herself well. There are so many maidens around Yi Ping and many of them hardly even have the chance to even express their affections for him..."

He was soon smiling, "When she got bored of Yi Ping, she will surely remember me..."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he opened his eyes.

But as soon as he opened his eyes, he was immediately surrounded by a dozen beautiful maidens as they gathered around him as they showered him with all kinds of concern!

Lie Qing immediately asked, "Ping'Er, are you alright?"

The Goddess Isa tapped Yi Ping lightly on his right shoulder, "Are you feeling much better now?"

Yang Min said shyly to him, "Did you rest well?"

A chorus of jovial laughter and warm smiles were immediately heard from the rest of the maidens, "Yi Ping! Ping'Er!"

To the utter astonishments of the Universal Old Man, Yi Ping and the rest of the maidens, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy had suddenly nodded to each other and were massaging Yi Ping's back; their eyes were affectionate and they were looking at him attentively!

Yi Ping was so stunned that he panicky said, "Huh? No need..."

The Universal Old Man's jaws almost dropped when he saw that the Goddess Aiel was voluntarily massaging Yi Ping's back!

Even Han Lin, the Celeste Wind Maiden and Jing'Er were a little startled by the action of the Goddess Aiel. It was because they have been with the Goddess Aiel for hundreds of years and had known her only too well. It was frankly quite impossible for their lazy mistress to lift her fingers to do almost anything and she preferred to sleep most of the time!

That was why she had even ordered her clan protégés to prepare a large bed sedan to carry her to the Unmoving Mountains!

And around Yi Ping were Yixian, Lele, Lie Qing, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Yang Min, Youxue, the Goddess Isa, Han Lin and the Celeste Wind Maiden who were all looking or chatting around him affectionately.

This caused Yi Ping to be really awkward as he quickly said, "I am really alright now. We should be on our way now."

The Goddess Aiel touched the pink mark on her forehead gently as she said, "Thank you! Without your help, I will never be able to unseal my Heaven Eyes again. Finally I can return to the Immortal Realm. This is the least that I can do for you."

The Goddess Isa whispered softly, "Thank you!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "This is really not worth mentioning. I just hope that you won't be upset with Maiden Ziyan...err...Alice for sealing your Heaven Eyes."

The Goddess Aiel whispered softly, "Don't worry. I have never blamed her at all. Or else..."

She stole a glance at Yixian before looking at the Goddess Isa, "Or else, I will never be able to unite with Ishtar or put aside my differences with Isa."

The Goddess Isa said quickly, "Whatever! If she doesn't pick on me, I won't cause her anymore trouble. But you know, she is a really mean and troublesome person!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Troublesome maybe but mean, I don't think so..."

The Goddess Isa whispered, "Don't be too quick to judge because you do not know yet!"

Lele suddenly asked, "Yi Ping, why this small Kirin following you?"

The Kirin had also awakened from its sleep and was jumping in front of Yi Ping and around the maidens. It seemed to be extremely playful and was constantly seeking their attention!

Yi Ping replied with a weak smile, "I do not know..."

The Goddess Isa said warily, “Golden Kirins are extremely rare in the Celestial Realm and even rarer in the Immortal Realm. Hmm... I wonder where it comes from?”

Lele caught the golden kirin cub by its tail as she laughed softly, “Does it matter?”

The golden kirin cub began to snarl at her and started to claw at her furiously but Lele ignored it and shook it even more violently as she said, “Since you like Yi Ping so much then I shall call you Xiao Ping! Xiao Ping! Xiao Ping!”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “Surely you are able to come out with a better name.”

Lingfeng looked at Yi Ping with a woeful expression, “Are you really... the White Sage?”

All of a sudden Lele used her knuckle to knock on Yi Ping’s head, “Of course he is the White Sage! Who else can he be?”

Lingfeng lowered her head shyly as she whispered softly, “I just want to hear from him himself...”

Yi Ping turned to look at her as he said warmly, “I will never forget that I have a grand protégé mistress. I will never forget all your instructions and all that you have said...”

Lingfeng began to laugh alluringly, “And I have never forgotten that I have a rascal protégé either!”

Yi Ping managed a weak smile as he looked at the majestic pristine mountains that were in front of them, “We still got a long way to go...”

Yixian and Lie Qing gave him a gentle smile as they said at the same time, “Yes...”

Yixian added gently, “But there is nothing that we cannot overcome together.”

But he was soon sighing melancholy, “Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Yunzi...where are you? I hope that you are alright. We are coming for

you...”

Lie Qing raised her Perpetual Darkness, “My divine sword shares a bond with Sister Ye Yin’s divine sword. If something happens to her, I will surely know.”

Si Shi said with a quiet determination, “Yunzi is the Celestial Ocean Heavenly Maiden incarnate. Moreover she is with the elders of the Infinite Sword Celestial Clan. I wouldn’t worry for them.”

Youxue tapped Yi Ping quietly on his right shoulder as she looked affectionately at him, “That is right. Somehow I am more worried for her opponent!”

Yi Ping nodded as he took a determined step forward before turning around, “Let’s us go now!”

Immediately there were jubilee outbursts as everyone laughed jovially as they set their sights on the majestic pristine mountains that stood towering in front of them!

The Universal Old Man was shouting, “Hey! Wait for me!”

# Chapter 148: War of the Immortals

Millenniums ago somewhere in the Seventh Heavens of the Immortal Realm on a lofty peak that was surrounded by three spectacular waterfalls from the floating islands above.

This was the renowned Three Isle Heavenly Lofty Peak.

At the lofty peak were a hundred immortal practitioners from a hundred immortal sects and clans. All of them were either the leaders or the most eminent elders of their respective sects and clans!

Out of these hundred immortals, forty were Zen Immortals, another forty were Arhat Immortals and the rest were the Autonomous Immortals.

The Autonomous Immortals had fewer representatives but they were no less influential!

This was actually the first time that these powerful immortals had congregated together!

They were all rebuking each other coldly and were full of sarcasm in their exchanges!

An Autonomous Immortal who called himself the Great Battle Emperor said coldly, "I have no interest in the feud between the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners. But the reason why we have congregated here is to have an agreement with each other, am I right?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice yawned softly, "What else."

Today she was the lead representative of the Zen Immortals!

Great Lord Ahoha the lead representative of the Arhat Immortals replied coldly, "The Zen Immortals have to surrender access to the Stellar Sanctuary. Surely the Zen Immortals are not thinking of denying the rest of us the access to the Eternal Realm?"

The Goddess of Mercy who was also an Arhat Immortal hummed coldly, "Isn't it too obvious already?"

She rose to her feet as she stared coldly at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “We are all the children of the Great God Pangu...”

Great Lord Ahoha coughed softly to remind her that the Arhat Practitioners had their own names for their creator.

The Goddess of Mercy smiled gently before correcting herself, “I mean the Great God Fan Tian. Look at me. I am so forgetful. We are the most exalt of the exalts. We are the inheritors of the Immortal Realm regardless of our ideologies. At long last, the Stellar Sanctuary has descended to the Immortal Realm. Isn’t this the moment that we are all waiting for? To transcend to the forbidden realm and to be near to the source of the Universal Force!”

The Great Battle Emperor said coldly, “And yet the Goddess Theocracy Sect chooses to seal the Stellar Sanctuary. Does the Goddess Theocracy Sect wants to fight all the immortal clans at the same time?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice said quietly, “The true embodiment form of the Stellar Sanctuary will only appear in the Celestial Realm. Even if I unseal the Stellar Sanctuary and let it loose now, how many of you are able to descend to the Celestial Realm? Even if you have the means, the price to descend to the Celestial Realm is astronomical!”

She rose up to add coldly, “Surely you are all not fools. If the Stellar Sanctuary is unsealed, it will mean the end of our era and the beginning of the new era for the mortals. Do you want that to really happen?”

Great Lord Ahoha replied calmly, “That is the just the ancient prophecy of the Jade Emperor. Who knows if it is true? If he is able to prophesize our demise, why is that he is unable to prophesize his own demise?”

The Martial Sage of the Universal Truth, a Zen Immortal interrupted coldly, “The Zen Practitioners may not agree with the Goddess Celestial Alice wholly on this matter but we have our own reasons to think that the prophecy is real.”

The Northern Star Sage, an Autonomous Immortal quickly added. “I agree too. That one day the mortals will ascend to replace us. The first is the last and the last is the first! That is the prophecy of the Jade Emperor!

Surely all of you know that time flows differently in the lower realm? A year here is like ten years in the Celestial Realm and a hundred years in the Mortal Realm. While we are bickering here for a year now, a hundred years have already passed in the Mortal Realm!”

Immortal Mortal Lord, an Arhat Immortal looked hesitantly at Great Lord Ahoha before saying. “Indeed it seems that that the Great God Fan Tian has the intention of letting the mortals succeed us or else the three realms would not have existed. In theory, the mortals have more time to further their practice than us... ”

Great Lord Ahoha interrupted, “It is not true. They have the time but they are mortals after all and can’t live that long. Moreover, the gap between the mortals and us are as vast as the boundless heavens. There is no way for them to succeed us. We have observed them for a long time. Sadly to say this; maybe one day they are able ascend to the Celestial Realm but to be an immortal practitioner, it is impossible. That is why we are the immortals and they are the mortals!”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, “Simply put, they don’t have the infinity wisdom to succeed us at all.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice interrupted coldly, “Then maybe we should intervene and enlightened them!”

There were a large number of loud mutterings; many of the immortals were clearly shocked and amused!

The Eastern Sea Immortal King, an Autonomous Immortal laughed softly as he rose up to say. “My Eternal Goddess, you are indeed humorous. But surely you know that we cannot intervene directly in the realms below. Not only will our future enlightenment suffers as a result but endless calamity and sufferings will surely befall the realms below!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice hummed coldly as cold aura flared around her before she replied, “Indeed. Since the Stellar Sanctuary is destined for the mortals below, why are all of you so insistent on unsealing the Stellar Sanctuary? You know that without my Symphony of Destiny, it is impossible for any of you to do anything, am I right to say so?”

She emphasized coldly by adding, “Only I have the key to unseal the Stellar Sanctuary! Moreover, I am the High Priestess of the Great God Pangu. If I really unleashed the Stellar Sanctuary then my own enlightenment will surely suffer, not yours...”

Great Lord Ahoha interrupted with an equally coldly aura, “You are sketching the truth a little too far. The Great God Fan Tian promised us the Eternal Realm. All the immortals know that our ultimate purpose is to reach the Eternal Realm. Many of us will surely perish and only a few will find true enlightenment but as immortal practitioners, our true purpose is to seek knowledge and to further our own enlightenment. And the knowledge to true enlightenment is in the Stellar Sanctuary!”

The statements of the Great Lord Ahoha caused many of the immortal practitioners to mutter in agreement and that included half of the Zen Immortals!

The Goddess Celestial Alice swept a cold glance to all the Zen Immortals before smiling coldly to the rest of the immortals, “It is either you are with me or against me. If you really want to gain access to the Stellar Sanctuary, why don’t you try storming the Ninth Heavens and try to seize the physical form of the Stellar Sanctuary?”

She managed an amused smile before saying, “Oh, I seem to forget that most of you have not even reached the Cosmos Positioning yet so how are you able to see my beautiful realm? Maybe we should wait for all the eminent leaders of the immortal clans to reach my enlightenment first.”

Great Lord Ahoha was not just an immortal of the Cosmos Positioning but he was also an immortal of the Greater Cosmos Position which marked him as the highest level among the immortals!

He said coldly, “The Eternal Goddess is not the only immortal that has reached the Cosmos Positioning. There are dozens of immortals that are not here that have already reached the Cosmos Positioning. We only ask the Eternal Goddess not to stop us from seeking further enlightenment.”

At this many of the immortals began to agree and mutter their agreements!



The Goddess Celestial Alice looked at all the immortals quietly before sighing softly, “And what if I don’t agree?”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled coldly as she offered a suggestion, “Then you shall bear the consequences and of course, there will be a little war that will see the end of the Goddess Theocracy Sect. What do you think?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice gave a warm smile before replying enchantingly, “Then so shall it be. From the First Heavens to the Ninth Heavens, war shall it be!”

# Chapter 149: The First Immortals

Tall pine like trees lined the mountain slopes below the lofty white heavens. The scenic views as Yi Ping and his group made their first ascend were breathtaking beautiful!

The drifting lofty white heavens, evergreen landscape below and the endless mountains ascending in front of them one after the other were beautiful to behold!

But no one was in a mood to admire the breathtaking sceneries!

It was because at this moment they had all been captivated by the Goddess of Mercy as she explained the brief history of the immortals and why they were here.

The Goddess of Mercy said gently, "That is how the conflicts between the Zen and Arhat Practitioners had escalated into a full blown conflict."

She sighed softly, "The Great Lord Ahoha had led us against the Goddess Theocracy Sect and her allies. At the start of the campaign, we managed to gain grounds from the Second to the Sixth Heavens. At first, it may seem that we are winning but in the end, the tide slowly turned against us and Great Lord Ahoha met his demise. We have not only lost, we have lost really badly and in order to broker for a truce, we are forbidden to intervene in the Immortal Realm for ten millennium years. Ten long millennium years..."

Han Lin asked curiously, "Huh? Why is that so? Since you have gained grounds in five of the Heavens?"

The Goddess Isa smiled demurely as she explained, "While they have gained grounds in five of the Heavens, it doesn't mean that these five Heavens are wholly in their control. But of course, the most important battleground is still in the First Heavens and that is the domain that the Goddess Theocracy Sect exerted its strongest influence."

Han Lin asked again, "Why is that the First Heavens is the most important battleground?"

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “Han Lin, you really have a lot of questions.”

Han Lin laughed softly as she blinked her eyes at the rest of the group, “You know, I am asking on behalf of the rest. I am sure that they are curious as well.”

The Universal Old Man laughed aloud as he touched his chin; he had forgotten that he had shaved his beard. He quickly said, “That is right. We are really curious to know everything that we can learn about the Immortal Realm.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he added too, “That is right...”

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “But it seems that Yi Ping is not really that interested.”

Yi Ping sighed softly as he replied melancholy, “I am just saddened that so many have perished in this needless war.”

Everyone began to look at Yi Ping quietly as one by one, they nodded quietly...

Yixian smiled gently as she said to him, “Ping’Er, don’t be sad. It is all in the past. There is nothing we can do.”

Yi Ping sighed again as he nodded.

Lie Qing smiled mesmerizing, “It seems that the Immortal Realm is not any different from the Martial Fraternity. No matter. If that is the rule then we must play by the rules!”

Youxue stole a look at Yi Ping as she smiled enthralling, “We must not be discouraged and should look forward. It is really not easy for us to reach this point at all. After all that we have been through, we are giving it all up? Life and death may be predestined but if our resolve is not strong, we will not have any fighting chance at all against these powerful immortal practitioners!”

Lingfeng knew that Yi Ping was secretly worried for them. As she looked at him, her eyes began to water.

As Yi Ping looked at Youxue, he was reminded that Youxue had suffered more than any of the maidens that he had known. The burdens and the fugitive life that she had led was not something that anyone, not even himself would be able to endure.

Yi Ping had noticed her enthralling eyes immediately and he quickly looked away. But as he looked away, he noticed that Lingfeng's alluring eyes were looking at him!

Not only Lingfeng was looking at him, Yang Min, Jing'Er, Shi Shi, Lele, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Lie Qing, Yixian, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Isa and Han Lin were all looking intently at him!

Yi Ping quickly pretended to show interest by asking the Goddess Aiel, "Aiel, it seems that the First Heavens plays a crucial role. Why is that so?"

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly as she continued, "It is because the First Heavens is where most of the immortal practitioners congregated. Even if we add up all the immortal practitioners from the Second Heavens to the Ninth Heavens, it is not even one tenth of the numbers in the First Heavens!"

Yang Min was clearly startled, "Then how many practitioners are there in the First Heavens alone?"

The Goddess Aiel laughed, "No one really knows but it should be around one million."

Everyone was stunned at the numbers!

Lele asked curiously, "Then doesn't that make the First Heavens a really crowded place?"

The Goddess Aiel shook her head, "It is even more desolate than the Celestial Realm. You can't imagine how vast the First Heavens is and how many millenniums the last immortal war had been waging."

All of a sudden Yi Ping asked, "It seems to me that the immortal practitioners that are in the First Heavens are weaker than the rest of the immortal practitioners of the other Heavens but yet they play such a

crucial role. Isn't that an irony? Maybe the Jade Emperor is right? The mortals from the lower realm may one day be greater than the immortal practitioners in the Immortal Realm?"

The Goddess of Mercy was startled as she looked at Yi Ping. For all her infinite wisdom she had never really thought of that and had dismissed the prophecy of the Jade Emperor!

The Goddess Isa was also startled as she looked curiously at Yi Ping before she said, "Maybe."

Yi Ping said, "It seems that the number of immortal practitioners that are in the Immortal Realm will never increase?"

The Goddess Isa nodded slowly, "That is right."

Yi Ping asked again, "So that means that the number of immortal practitioners have decreased considerably by now?"

Again the Goddess Isa nodded quietly.

Yi Ping asked, "And now many of the more capable immortal practitioners are heading here to seek the secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary. And quite a few may have already met their demise?"

The Goddess Isa nodded slowly again.

Yi Ping sighed melancholy, "The only way for the number of immortal practitioners to increase is for the celestial practitioners to become immortal practitioners. But that doesn't seem to be happening. It seems that the current Immortals are not willing to help the celestial practitioners to become immortal practitioners..."

The Goddess Aiel said quietly, "Not at all. There are many other immortals, including the Goddess Celestial Alice that advocate for the enlightenment of the mortals. But the path to true enlightenment is really so difficult that words cannot describe it. That is why there are also many immortals that have long given up for the mortals to attain true enlightenment and to join us."

The Goddess of Mercy said, "That is why it is impossible for the mortals

to replace us. That is the main reason why we have refused to believe the prophecy of the Jade Emperor as the universal truth.”

Yi Ping began to ponder again before he asked, “This Jade Emperor... who is he? I happen to know one Jade Emperor that is in the Mortal Realm.”

At this the Goddess of Mercy turned very pale before she muttered, “Let hope that they are not the same. But...”

She stole a glance at Lele coldly, “Good sister, you still hasn’t explained to me where you learn your Celestial Force from?”

She looked a little melancholy before she asked again, “I have paid a heavy price with my internal strength...”

Lie Qing, Youxue and Lingfeng almost choked when they had heard it. They really did not know whether to laugh or cry!

It was because they had quietly observed the changes in the Goddess of Mercy over the past few days. In no time she had shed away her haughty self and had quickly learnt several subtle tactics from the rest of the maidens.

It was obvious that she was trying to get Yi Ping’s sympathy!

Yi Ping was sighing, “Alas! It is wrong to steal the internal strength of others.”

Indeed Yi Ping had fallen for it!

Even the Universal Old Man was shaking his head as he sighed softly, “What a pity!”

Yang Min raised her eyebrows as she thought ruefully, “Just because a beautiful maiden intentionally shed a little tear, it is really unbelievable that so many worldly wise men will actually fall for it. Or is it because some men never learn?”

Even Han Lin was smiling weakly for everyone could see that the Goddess of Mercy was pretending to be melancholy. Everyone except for Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man!

The Goddess of Mercy continued to add, “You must know that I am such an eminent immortal practitioner. To lose my internal strength...”

Lele stammered out, “Well, that is enough. You are even more irritating than me! You only lost a little of your internal strength. This doesn’t affect your techniques and fighting strength at all. You really think that I do not know that the Goddess Asura and you have not even displayed your utmost martial strength? Or else I will drain just this meagre amount of your internal strength!”

The Goddess of Mercy flashed Lele an annoyed look but she hesitated to raise her hands against her because she had noticed that Yixian, Lie Qing and Youxue had all stepped protective around Lele!

Yixian said gently, “The Goddess of Mercy? If you want to get along with us, shouldn’t you at the very least tell us your name?”

The Goddess of Mercy lifted her eyes to look at Yixian.

She began to sigh softly. She had already learnt that this Yixian was Yi Ping’s rightful wife. She had been secretly observing her for a few days and her magnanimity did not seem to be an act.

The Goddess of Mercy replied quietly, “You are Yixian?”

She was stating the obvious!

But Yixian smiled gently at her and replied gently, “Yes, that is my common name.”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded as she said, “I know you as Ishtar in the past. It seems...that you have changed so much.”

Slowly she glanced over to look at Yi Ping as she lit a beautiful smile.

Yi Ping was startled when she had suddenly smiled at him!

And he wondered why as he thought, “Why did she suddenly smile at me?”

The Goddess of Mercy soon answered his question as she looked at him, “Yes, the Goddess of Mercy is my immortal title. As for my name, it is...”

Her eyes lit up as she looked at Yi Ping before saying shyly, "...it is Gusu Xiang. Xiang as in fragrance. Pardon my rudeness. I have forgotten to introduce myself. It will really look bad for the groom not to know his bride name. Am I right?"

The Goddess Isa was stunned at the chic shyness of the Goddess of Mercy. She could hardly believe that this was the Goddess of Mercy herself and that an imposter had actually taken her place!

Even the Goddess Aiel was stunned as she thought, "Is she really the Goddess of Mercy? I don't believe my eyes..."

The Goddess of Mercy proceeded to say, "Yi Ping? You are not happy to know my name?"

Yi Ping was already quite embarrassed by now because he had noticed that all the other maidens were quietly looking at him and waiting to see his response!

He quickly bowed with his hands to say, "I am happy. Really happy..." he began to hesitate a little because he was thinking what to say next.

The Goddess of Mercy appeared to be hurt and Yi Ping could feel it immediately due to his divine attainment in the Great Emptiness Translucence!

This caused him to be even more awkward!

The Goddess of Mercy asked hurtfully, "Then why didn't you call my name?"

Her sudden plea struck Yi Ping like a thunderbolt!

Yi Ping began to stammer, "Maiden Gusu..."

Again the Goddess of Mercy appeared to be hurt as she displayed a hurtful expression as she muttered, "You don't have to be so polite. It is too polite."

Yi Ping quickly stammered out, "Maiden Xiang..."

Again the Goddess of Mercy looked at him hurtfully!



Yi Ping was all flustered by now and he had broken into cold sweat. It was because the looks that everyone had given him and from the melancholy looks of the Goddess of Mercy that was upon him; it appeared to him that time seemed to have suddenly frozen in place. Every moment seemed like an eternity to him!

He stammered again, "Xiang'Er..."

The Goddess of Mercy seemed to have been pacified and she returned a delighted look at him. It seemed like the darkness had suddenly been lifted and Yi Ping was suddenly breathing normally again!

She smiled shyly, "Ping'Er..."

Lele was about to say something when Lingfeng interrupted unhappy, "Humph! The two of you seem to have forgotten about the rest of us? If you have any mushy words to say, find a private place to do so!"

Lele smiled, "It seems that Sister Lingfeng is envious!"

Lingfeng shot an amused look at her, "Yes I am envy but speaks for yourself first!"

Lele laughed softly, "I didn't start it first."

She pointed at Yi Ping and the Goddess of Mercy, "They did!"

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy appeared to be solemn as she asked, "But truly, are we not sisters now? I have already shared what I know but shouldn't you tell me more about the Jade Emperor that you know?"

Yi Ping looked at Lele before he said, "I will but may I know why you seem to fear this Jade Emperor? I really do not think that they are the same person."

The Goddess of Mercy took a quick glance at the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Isa who nodded gently at her before she said quietly, "Every realm must have a dominant ruler, am I right to say so? Just like all the clans also have their principal leaders."

Yi Ping nodded.

The Goddess of Mercy hesitatingly, “So the Jade Emperor was actually the ruler of the Immortal Realm in the past and all the immortals had to pay homage to him. He was very ancient and is the first generation immortal. Do you know that even the Goddess Celestial Alice and most of the most powerful immortals in the Immortal Realm are only considered second generation immortals?”

Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man, Shi Shi, Jing’Er, Han Lin, Yang Min and the Celeste Wind Maiden were all exchanging astonished look!

This was news to them and they made a mental note to remember it. The celestial practitioners in the Celestial Realm knew very little about the immortals.

The Universal Old Man interrupted curiously, “Then there must be other first generation immortals too, am I right?”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded as she replied, “However, these first generation immortals are few in numbers. Excluding the Jade Emperor, they numbered exactly thirty-three! However their states of divinities are all much greater than the rest of the second generation immortals and they are capable of several divine practices that seemed impossible to attain for most of the immortals.”

She looked at Lele before saying, “For example, uncanny divinations and of course the accursed Celestial Force Divine Skill!”

She began to sigh melancholy, “That is why I have my own reasons to suspect that the Jade Emperor that you have known in the realm below is the one and the same!”

The Goddess Isa nodded as she said quietly, “The Goddess of Mercy is right. The Celestial Force is an immortal skill and exceedingly powerful.”

Yi Ping asked, “But since the Jade Emperor is the ruler of the Immortal Realm why is he in the Mortal Realm now? This makes no sense?”

The Goddess Isa said quietly, “If the Jade Emperor did not meet with his demise then there is a chance that he has sought refuge in the Mortal Realm to recuperate.”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded with a soft sigh, “That is only logical. It is because most immortals are not able to descend to the Mortal Realm and he has an advantage there...”

The Goddess Aiel continued for her, “...he will be able to cultivate a hundred times faster than anyone of us!”

The Universal Old Man was mystified as he asked, “But the Mortal Realm isn’t a good training ground. The spiritual force there isn’t as fulfilling as the Celestial Realm or the Immortal Realm for sure. Moreover if he stays there, his state of divinity will surely be stuck!”

The Goddess of Mercy smirked coldly, “Don’t be too sure about that first. If you are the Jade Emperor and you have already reached the highest state of divinity, will you care much about attaining a new state of divinity?”

The Universal Old Man stammered, “Oh well...maybe not but still it doesn’t make any sense!”

The Goddess Isa offered a suggestion, “What if his goal is to cultivate his internal strength or to gather the heavenly relics in the Mortal Realm?”

The Universal Old Man shook his head as he looked at Lingfeng, “My Heavenness, what do you think? It doesn’t make any sense to me. Only in the upper realm and with a breakthrough in a higher state of divinity can our skills and strength be improved. It makes no sense to stay in the lower realm. We are there for a long time; not only did our cultivation did not improved, our state of divinity seem to decline as well. Maybe it is because we don’t have any worthy opponents there. And you...even...”

There was a glitter of watery teary in Lingfeng’s eyes as she replied melancholy, “...and I have even taken my own life. Is that what you want to say?”

Yi Ping murmured, “Lingfeng...”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly at Yi Ping, “But I am content now. I have experienced what is mortal suffering and what is...”

Yixian and Lie Qing stammered out, "...love..."

Lingfeng nodded at them as she smiled, "And because of what I have experienced and learnt, I have advanced my divinity. Isn't it a good thing?"

Lie Qing looked at Yi Ping as she said, "I have never thought that I will be able to experience a breakthrough in my Invincible Divine Force until I met Yi Ping..."

Yixian had a shimmering tear in her eyes that even her Emotionless Rhyme could not suppress as she muttered coarsely, "I have never thought that I will pull through my Divine Calamity either and advanced my martial skills to a new level."

Yi Ping muttered, "Everyone..."

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly, "I think we have better discussed about the Jade Emperor. What exactly happens in the Immortal Realm in the past?"

The Goddess Isa hesitated as she looked at the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy before saying quietly, "A long time ago, the Jade Emperor made a divination that one day the mortals will inherit the mantle of the Great God Pangu. Afterwards, he made several divine interventions at the detrimental of his own attainment to help the mortals attain awareness of the Heavens above. Naturally this did not go too well with the rest of the immortals who believe that the Jade Emperor is damaging the interest of the immortals."

She looked at the Heaveness, the Universal Old Man and Han Lin, "The Ancient Celestials, the Dragon Practitioners, they are the first generation celestial practitioners that the Jade Emperor has helped."

Han Lin was startled, "The mysterious immortal practitioner that has given us the Green Dragon Divine Sword is the Jade Emperor?!"

The Goddess Isa nodded, "Indeed! The Green Dragon Divine Sword is an immortal sword of the Jade Emperor. There is no doubt about this."

Han Lin began to shiver as she muttered tearfully, "Finally...I have

learnt his great name! I have not let my elders down...I know his great name now..."

Han Lin shot the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy a bloodshot look, "And because of his interventions, the rest of the immortals took up arms against him?"

The Goddess of Mercy replied, "You must know that everything must be in perfect harmony. The Jade Emperor and his seven Heavenly Kings failed to keep the harmony and invited self-destruction. The Dragon Practitioners fail to cultivate their self and invited their own self-destruction."

Han Lin hummed coldly, "So you are saying that might makes right and the victors are the righteous side?"

The Goddess of Mercy replied, "What else."

Han Lin stepped forward as she raised her hands, "You! You..."

Yi Ping said gently to her, "Han Lin, be pacified alright? I am sure Maiden Xiang...Xiang'Er did not mean it."

The Goddess of Mercy began to fluster as she thought, "He is calling... my name! So sweet!"

Even Han Lin was looking docile at Yi Ping!

Yi Ping said, "It is all in the past. Let's don't dwell too much on it, alright?"

Han Lin and the Goddess of Mercy nodded quietly to him without looking at each other.

Lele yawned softly, "Grandpa isn't an immortal practitioner. I am sure of it. Or else he won't be constantly thinking about the Celestial Realm."

Yi Ping said gently to her, "Lele maybe you have been too close to your grandpa and is blinded to the obvious. Your grandpa has never been to the Celestial Realm but he seems to know quite a lot about the upper realms. I wonder why. Also..."

Lele asked curiously, "What do you mean?"

Yi Ping sighed softly as he looked at Yixian, Lie Qing, Youxue and Lingfeng as he asked, “Do you all remember what the eyes’ colour of the Jade Emperor is?”

It was because they had seen the Jade Emperor previously!

Lele yawned softly, “Crimson naturally!”

Yixian and Lie Qing looked at each curiously. It was because Lele was right!

Youxue’s eyes began to shine and even Lingfeng had a startled expression!

It was because they had remembered that the eyes of the Jade Emperor were black when they had first met him but it had changed to crimson when Lele arrived on the scene!

Youxue and Lingfeng immediately exchanged knowing glances!

At that time Yunzi had said to them, “His eyes are not crimson and his hair isn’t completely silver. Yet he claims to be the Jade Emperor. How do we know if it is true?”

Yi Ping had asked quite bluntly, “Why aren’t your eyes crimson? Are you a Dark Celestial? Are all of you Dark Celestials?”

The Jade Emperor laughed, “Practitioners of the internal martial arts are able to suppress their internal strength and even their state of divinity. Therefore this is not a real surprise at all.”

The Jade Emperor added a smile after noticing Yi Ping’s expression, “Am I a Dark Celestial? What do you really think?”

But Shen Xingyue had expressed doubts and had told them her views on it much later. It was because it was easier said than done. Even though her Divine Rejuvenation Force was an epitome internal skill, it was unlike the absorbing skill of the Celestial Force which could suppress even the practitioner’s own martial strength. Moreover, to be able to do so was an indication of the practitioner’s level. Even for the Celestial Liege and Lele, they were not able to accomplish that.

Youxue muttered softly, "Come to think of it now, it now makes perfectly sense now. Why anyone would want to suppress their own internal strength? Isn't that already telling us that it is weird?"

Lingfeng was muttering, "To think that we are all smart people but we have all miss the most obvious. At that time, Sister Xingyue is the most powerful celestial practitioner that is with us. She is an Ascend Level Celestial and yet Lele's grandpa took only one stroke to defeat her..."

At that time Shen Xingyue was moving at a startling speed against the Celestial Liege but she was interrupted by the Jade Emperor who had moved with even startling speed than her!

Yi Ping asked, "Xingyue's speed is legendary. Who can intervene in her attacks and defeat her at the same time with just a single stroke?"

Yixian, Lie Qing, Youxue and Lingfeng nodded slowly because they now see the obvious!

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "We have all forgotten that Sister Xingyue is an Ascend Level Celestial and her most astonishing martial skill is her speed."

The Celeste Wind Maiden smiled, "When I got the chance, I will want to duel with her. I wonder who is better."

Lele laughed softly, "Let me know please. It will be interesting to know the outcome."

Yi Ping said exasperatingly, "Lele, I rather not let it happen."

Lingfeng smiled bitterly as she said all of a sudden, "Then we can conclude that the Jade Emperor that we know is the one and the same as the immortal that they know?"

The Goddess of Mercy said quietly, "Who else knows the Celestial Force?"

Yi Ping nodded, "Lele's grandpa may be pretending that he doesn't know anything about the Celestial Realm but at the same time he seems to know a lot too. Isn't that a contradiction?"

Yi Ping had remembered very clearly that the Jade Emperor had said to Lele just before they had departed for the Celestial Realm, “This is not shameful. The Virtuous Palace is renowned for their swordplay. In the upper realm, there are many powerful opponents. So be careful. Don’t forget to refine your sword techniques or else even if you have a divine sword in your hand, it is just a useless toy.”

Lele asked, “Really but...”

Yi Ping shook his head as he sighed softly, “There are no other explanations!”

Lele took a sly look at Yi Ping before saying, “Ping’Er then I think you are really in trouble!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Huh? I am in trouble?”

Lele answered solemnly as she winked at him, “Yes you are. It is because you have stolen my Grandpa’s Heavenly Relics.”

Yi Ping was stunned as he looked at Lele blankly, “As though you don’t have a hand?”

Lele laughed jovially as she winked playfully at him, “Do you think that my grandpa will bear to punish me?”

All of a sudden the small Kirin cub who everyone had almost forgotten began to rumble excitingly as it began to run in circles around Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled, “What is it? What is it that you are trying to tell me?”

Lele said playfully, “Maybe it is hungry, that is all!”

The Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa were alarmed; they were scanning their surroundings warily!



# Chapter 150: The Three Pinnacle Flower Stance

Yi Ping asked the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, “Someone is near us?”

The Goddess Isa smiled wryly, “I am about to ask you if you are able to sense anyone.”

Yi Ping shook his head.

Yixian and Youxue were also looking warily at their surroundings. They were secretly afraid; it was because if their opponents’ martial level were in the league as the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura or even the Goddess of Mercy then it was nearly impossible for them to sense such opponents!

The Goddess Isa pointed at the golden Kirin cub as she said quietly, “This little thing here is able to sniff a stranger from miles away. It seems to be telling us that someone or something is approaching us!”

Lele asked curiously, “What are we afraid of? We have four immortal practitioners here now. Surely it is not necessary to be afraid? Or maybe they are people that we know.”

Indeed their group had four immortal practitioners now; the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess of Mercy and the Joyful Goddess Lele!

The Universal Old Man sighed softly when he had heard Lele. He was envious and longed to be an immortal practitioner!

He was now short of one final tribulation to become an immortal practitioner and he had finally learnt earlier that the name of the final heavenly tribulation was the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity!

But the problem was that he had no idea how difficult the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity was. He had also no idea if that was going to be his next tribulation or how to trigger it! Moreover what was worrying was that he had not opened his Heaven Eyes yet!

In fact he was quietly pondering to himself, “Should I open my Heaven

Eyes forcibly so that I can be better prepared for this last heavenly tribulation? But I may lose my life in the process...alas...even that old freak the Immortal Saint of Swords has already awakened his Heaven Eyes....even the Heaviness...”

The Goddess of Mercy replied warily, “This little thing here is a golden Kirin and it is alone. If it is its mother that is looking for her cub then we may be in for a really nasty fight. I will suggest tying this little thing here and then we flee as fast as we can!”

The Goddess Aiel agreed as she muttered softly, “You have no idea how tough a Golden Kirin is...”

Yi Ping was sighing melancholy, “I know...it is because a Golden Kirin once shelters us from the worst of the Divine Calamities...”

The Goddess Aiel was startled as she asked, “Really?!”

Shi Shi nodded as she said, “That Golden Kirin sheltered us from at least twenty powerful lightning calamities and a meteor calamity. It had not only saved our lives but had also aided us in our celestial progression...”

Yang Min asked, “So that is why sister you are an Ancient Celestial now?”

Shi Shi nodded melancholy as she looked at Yi Ping.

Yi Ping was trembling as he recalled the event, “That Golden Kirin gave up its life so that we can all overcome our divine tribulation. That is why I am a Golden Celestial now...”

The Goddess of Mercy was startled, “Really? Why should that Golden Kirin helps you at the cost of its life? I find it hard to believe...”

The Goddess Isa answered quietly, “It is because that Golden Kirin had recognized Yi Ping.”

The Goddess of Mercy asked, “Explain please?”

The Goddess Isa sighed softly, “Or rather, that Golden Kirin had recognized Yi Ping as the Dark Chaos Lord.”

This time the Goddess of Mercy was stunned as she looked at Yi Ping

from top to bottom, “You are really the Dark Chaos Lord?!”

She turned to look at the Goddess Isa, “For real?”

The Goddess Isa looked at her, “Why should I lie to you? Funny. You have recognized the divine sword of the Dark Cosmos Lord but you can’t recognize his real person?”

The Goddess of Mercy took a step back as she stared blankly at Yi Ping, “It can’t be. It is impossible ...are you really the Dark Chaos Lord?”

Yi Ping sighed softly but he kept quiet!

The Goddess Isa giggled softly.

But it only made the Goddess of Mercy even more suspicious as she asked Yi Ping, “You really do not know or you are not willing to tell me?”

Yi Ping looked at her gently, “Is that really important to you?”

The Goddess of Mercy eyed the Goddess Isa, “Are you kidding me?”

The Goddess Isa laughed slyly, “Why don’t you ask him? Can’t you tell that he is at the Seventh Cosmos Positioning?”

The Goddess of Mercy looked at Yi Ping in disbelief as she asked, “Really? That is not a bluff?”

It was because she had overheard Yi Ping telling Lord Tian Zhong that he was at the Seventh Cosmos Positioning but she had thought that Yi Ping was doing a bluff to frighten off Lord Tian Zhong.

She asked again, “If your Heaven Eyes is at the Seventh Cosmos Positioning, why is that you cannot even handle Lord Tian Zhong?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he smiled weakly!

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy was looking at the Goddess Isa with an equally mystified expression, “Why is that you can’t defeat Lord Tian Zhong? He may be powerful but it is impossible for him to gain an advantage over you. After all, you are on the same level of divinity as me!”

This time round it was the Goddess Isa that was smiling weakly!

It was indeed quite an embarrassing fight for her and it was something

that she had wanted to forget as soon as possible!

The Goddess of Mercy did not know that prior to fighting with Lord Tian Zhong, Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa had been through several trials that had sapped most all their martial strength. It was already startling that they could put up such a determined fight against Lord Tian Zhong!

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy raised her right hand into a sword finger stance as she aimed at Yi Ping!

As she aimed at Yi Ping, there were two brilliant rainbow lights that were on the tip of her second and middle fingers and another brilliant rainbow hue on her palm!

The Goddess Isa gasped in alarm, “The Three Pinnacle Flower Stance!”

Even Yixian, Lie Qing, Shi Shi, Yang Min, the Celeste Wind Maiden, the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were startled!

It was because this Three Pinnacle Flower Stance was a mystical level in internal strength art; internal strength practitioners that could not reach her level of internal strength pureness simply could not execute this Three Pinnacle Flower Stance!

How pure was pure and how refine was the pureness of her internal strength?

Needless to say, the practitioner had to be Lesser Cosmos Positioning and above!

The Goddess Aiel was startled as she called out panicky to Yi Ping, “Yi Ping, be careful! Don’t engage her!”

Even the Goddess of Mercy was warning him, “Don’t you have any wishful thinking that I will be lenient toward you. Back off if you are afraid!”

But Yi Ping did not back off.

Instead he raised his right palm forward!

Immediately there were three brilliant burst of light that impacted thunderously when Yi Ping’s palm and the Goddess of Mercy’s fingers had

exchanged three quick blows!

When the first exchange had occurred, an outburst of burning martial force had flared around them and all the grasses around them had suddenly burnt into flames!

Everyone could feel the burning intensity of their internal energies!

Indeed it was an exchange of internal strength!

When the second exchange had occurred, all the grasses around them had turned into wisps of smoke and the ground beneath them had changed charcoal black!

When the third exchange had occurred, the air around them was distorted with wavering heat!

Everyone was gasping and was anxious!

It was because internal strength exchange was very different from martial power exchange. Not only was it dangerous, the outcome was also unpredictable and it was not possible to restraint once it had been initiated!

When the three strikes had ended, both Yi Ping and the Goddess of Mercy were breathing hard and they were perspiring!

It was a mere three quick exchanges but the exchanged had sapped all their martial strength!

Slowly the Goddess of Mercy staggered backward as she asked astonishingly, "You...have really reached the Seventh Cosmos Positioning?"

It was because Yi Ping had calmly deflected all three of her attacks with his palm!

Yi Ping was breathing less hard than her but it took him a little effort to say, "Yes!"

The Goddess of Mercy was stunned at this revelation!

It was because none of the immortals had ever attained to this level

before except for the Dark Chaos Lord and the Jade Emperor!

The Goddess Isa had also broken into cold sweat as she said unhappily to the Goddess of Mercy, “You shouldn’t have done that. Anyone who isn’t at least in the Heaven Positioning may have perished immediately!”

The Goddess of Mercy replied weakly but her glance was fixed on Yi Ping, “I did warn him. If he had stepped back then I will definitely restraint myself so you don’t have to worry too much.”

Yixian and Lie Qing were exchanging secret looks!

It was because they had just witnessed the Three Pinnacle Flower Stance, a theoretical internal art skill that was not thought possible!

But because they had the opportunity to witness it, they had reaped the benefit of this insight and this would eventually pave the way for their future martial elevation!

And Yixian and Lie Qing were not the only ones who were startled by this simple exchange. All the rest of their group had also learnt a thing or two; the benefits were significant greater because Yi Ping was game enough to exchange blows with the Goddess of Mercy!

Lingfeng said bluntly, “So this is the Three Pinnacle Flower Stance. To think that I have such an opportunity to witness it!”

Shi Shi, Jing’Er and Yang Min were already muttering among themselves excitedly!

How could everyone not be excited?

They had just been given a rare glimpse of a martial feat!

When top exponents dueled, the duel was often a secret duel. It was because no one would like the others to know their secret skills, techniques or fighting mannerisms!

All of a sudden the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy, Yi Ping, the Goddess Aiel, Yixian, Youxue and Lingfeng had frozen in their tracks!

It was because they had sniffed a strong stench of death!

It was soon followed by a light fragrance!

And the golden Kirin cub was now howling and jumping even wilder!

Yi Ping's heart was pounding hard!

It was because he could remember this faint fragrance as belonging to Maiden Ziyan!

A heavenly maiden had quietly appeared. In her right hand were a beheaded head and the Green Dragon Sacred Sword!

Immediately, the golden Kirin cub began to run toward her and sat quietly beside her!

But when Yi Ping saw her again, he was still stunned by her appearance!

It was because she was completely different now!

She was surrounded by air of elegance; even her golden phoenix and green peacock silken long robe that she was wearing had the effect of amplifying her elegant poise!

But at the same time she had a forbidden aura. This was further amplified by the many golden phoenix eyes and peacock eyes that reflected and surrounded her with multiple golden and green hues!

Yi Ping could scarcely believe that she was Maiden Ziyan as he stammered out, "Maiden...Ziyan?"

But at the same time Han Lin had turned ashen and so did many of the maidens!

The Universal Old Man was staring at the blood soak beheaded head; it was the Reverend Sacred Sage who was also Han Lin's protégé brother Chu Mingfan!

The Universal Old Man stammered, "You have killed the Reverend Sacred Sage?"

Even the Goddess Aiel had turned pale. It was because like her, Chu Mingfan was also one of the two Ascendant Custodians of the Holy Ascension Sect. His martial skills were not weaker than the Lord

Supreme!

Han Lin was trembling as she looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice with bloodshot eyes, “Are you the one that killed and beheaded my protégé brother?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice replied coldly, “Isn’t that obvious? Yes I did.”

Han Lin replied coldly, “Then don’t blame me for taking vengeance for my protégé brother!”

The Goddess Aiel was also trembling as she asked coldly, “What did you do with Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage?”

Yixian asked coldly, “What did you do with Yu’Er and Mei’Er?”

Yi Ping was also trembling as he asked, “Xingyue, Ye Yin...where are they? Where is Yu’Er? Where is Mei’Er?”

It was because the Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were in the same group as Reverend Sacred Sage!

The Goddess Isa said coldly to the Goddess Celestial Alice, “So we have met again. It seems that this fight is inevitable.”

The Goddess of Mercy whispered to the Goddess Isa, “We are on the same side now. She is a dangerous foe.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice lifted her golden eyes to look at the Goddess of Mercy, “Why are you here? Do you not know that I have passed an edict forbidding all the other immortal practitioners from entering the Stellar Sanctuary?”

She proceeded to look at the Goddess Isa before saying, “And that applies to you as well, Isa.”

And in the same instant she had swept her glance at Lele before adding coldly, “I can’t believe it. You have actually attained as an immortal practitioner now? I have never seen anyone progress as fast as you.”

It was as though Lele knew what she was going to say next so she



immediately protested weakly, “It is not my fault that I have suddenly attained as an immortal practitioner in the Stellar Sanctuary! You are not being fair to me. It is not as if I am able to get out of this accursed place. I wish I could though!”

The Goddess Aiel was also muttering, “I just unsealed my Heaven Eyes too...”

Han Lin had suddenly flown next to the Goddess Celestial Alice, raising her hand against her as she shouted angrily. “You demoness!”

But as soon as she had attacked, she was knocked back and was slammed onto the ground when the Goddess Celestial Alice fluttered her sleeves aside!

Yi Ping immediately caught hold of Han Lin as he asked anxiously, “Han Lin, are you alright?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice tossed the beheaded head and the Green Dragon Sacred Sword in front of Han Lin!

The Green Dragon Sacred Sword was extremely heavy but she had tossed it effortlessly!

She said coldly, “Your rage emotions have attacked your heart. In your current state you are not my match. At least calm yourself first if you want to take your vendetta. Or else even if you have the Green Dragon Sacred Sword in your hands, it is still pointless.”

Han Lin was in tears as she stared blankly at the beheaded head of Chu Mingfan, “That is none of your business!”

The Goddess Isa said quietly to her, “Han Lin, stay calm if we want to win.” as she unsheathed her Divine Constellation Sword and at the same time the Goddess of Mercy had raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror threateningly!

The Goddess of Mercy said icily, “Alice, no matter how skillful you are it is not possible for you to overcome us at the same time.”

Yi Ping pleaded exasperating, “Maiden Ziyan, Isa, Maiden Gusu, Han

Lin...let's talk it over first..."

But the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were already encircling the Goddess Celestial Alice threateningly!

Han Lin had also picked up the Green Dragon Sacred Sword and was poising a strike on the Goddess Celestial Alice!

The Celeste Wind Maiden was looking at the Goddess Celestial Alice cautiously as she thought, "So this is the Goddess Celestial Alice? How strong is she?"

The Goddess Aiel said quietly to her, "Xiao Qian, step back. Don't ever think of it. This is a fight between the immortals."

She turned to look at Han Lin, "Han Lin, step back now. I order you!"

But Han Lin said coldly, "After what she had just said to you? Do you think that she will let you off just like that? Have you forgotten how you have lost your immortal status the last time? You should join hands with us against her instead!"

The Goddess Aiel replied indifferently, "It is better to be punished than losing my life."

Yi Ping said solemnly, "It ought to be a misunderstanding. Let's talk over first..."

Han Lin cried out exasperatingly, "Yi Ping! Didn't you hear what she has just said? She has killed my protégé brother! She has admitted herself!"

Yi Ping had stepped forward as he asked with a soft sigh, "Maiden Ziyan, where are the rest? Where are Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin? I know that you have a kind heart and wouldn't hurt them. Surely you must have your own difficulties. Why don't you tell us..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice interrupted him abruptly, "I don't have a kind heart or else I would have died many times over. If you want to take a last look at them, follow me!"

Without waiting for Yi Ping to reply, she had turned around and disappeared in the shadows of the dense forest!

The Goddess Isa said immediately as she sped after her, “After her! Don’t let her get away!”

She was followed immediately by the Goddess of Mercy and Han Lin!

Lie Qing said anxiously, “Ping’Er, let’s go after them but it could be a trap. We must be careful!”

Yixian the Celestial Fairy said gently, “We may not know what is happening but no matter, we must stop them from fighting.”

Yi Ping could only sigh softly, “Let’s go!”

He had really never expected to meet Maiden Ziyan under this tense circumstance!

He knew that the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had a feud with the Goddess Celestial Alice but he really did not want them to fight. Why was it that Maiden Ziyan seemed completely different now?

# Chapter 151: Surprise Reunion

Before Yi Ping had realized it, they had already traversed through two mountains!

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Celestial Alice were way ahead of them!

He could no longer see them within his visible view and could only rely on his keen senses as he sped after them with his swiftness movement skill!

He was not surprised by their swiftness movement skills but nevertheless he was still left in awe!

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had stepped gently on top of the grass as they displayed the most epitome of all the swiftness movement skill which was the 'Walking on Grass' as they made multiple leaps. In a blink of an eye, they had made over twenty leaps which was equivalent to a mile!

Yixian, Youxue, Yang Min, Lingfeng, the Celeste Wind Maiden and the Goddess Aiel had also displayed the 'Walking on Grass' swiftness movement technique but it took them between forty leaps to eighty leaps to cover even one mile!

Lele and Shi Shi were extremely good in their swiftness skill too but they were unable to execute the 'Walking on Grass' swiftness movement technique because they were weighted down by their divine swords!

Needless to say at this moment Yi Ping had wished that he had put in more effort in his swiftness movement skill!

All of a sudden Yixian had caught hold of his wrist as she whispered softly, "Ping'Er, let me give you a hand!"

He could feel a strong vital energy flowing through him; he had recognized it as the Icy Heavenly Intricate Energy and his body had suddenly become lighter!

Yi Ping muttered, "Xian'Er, thank you!"

The Universal Old Man was panting breathlessly, “Wait up! Why is that I am always the last?”

The Celeste Wind Maiden thought that she would be ahead of the rest but she was startled to find that Yixian, Yi Ping and Lingfeng were able to keep the same pace with her!

She thought, “This Celestial Fairy has superb internal energy cultivation. She is able to grab Yi Ping along at the same time. If she did not grab Yi Ping, will she be able to speed ahead of us?”

She smiled to them, “Not bad!”

Lingfeng took in a deep breath before saying, “No good. They are...so much...ahead of us!”

Yixian nodded gently, preferring to conserve her vital breath.

Yi Ping mustered his breath as he said breathlessly, “We...must stop...them...”

Yixian finally mustered her breath to say, “No worries. We can still sense them...however I can sense there are others too...”

“Isa! We must not let her get away!” it was the distant voice of the Goddess of Mercy!

“Humph! I can’t believe that we are actually on the same side...Hold! There seems to be others here as well? We must be wary!” the Goddess Isa was heard saying.

“I have found them!” the Goddess of Mercy said.

“Hold please! They are not our foes...” the Goddess Isa was heard saying.

All of a sudden there were several brilliant burst of reflection of light and the impacts of weapons were heard!

Yi Ping was panicky, “Quick!”

Immediately everyone who was within earshot nodded and increased their paces with their last vital breath!

When Yi Ping and his group had dashed through the woods and into a

clearing, they were immediately stunned to see several familiar faces!

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were being surrounded by Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess, Shen Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix, Yu'Er the Eclipse Heaven Goddess, Mei'Er the Axis Heaven Goddess and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage!

The Goddess Isa could be seen intercepting Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage, "Not so fast. You are not getting past me."

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was outraged, "I don't know why you are stopping me. Aren't you with Xiaoci and Yi Ping that time?"

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, "It is because I like. Since they are so bold to claim to have an unbreakable sword formation then I will really like to have a look too. Therefore I am not letting you pass unless of course you can beat me."

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was furious as he unleashed several powerful flurries of windforce with his palms, "You must be in cahoots with that maiden that claimed to be the Goddess Celestial Alice! How dare you steal my Green Dragon Sacred Sword! How outrageous!"

The Goddess of Mercy had raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror against the Ascension Goddess, the Fiery Phoenix, the Eclipse Heaven Goddess and the Axis Heaven Goddess as she smirked coldly, "Four divine swords. This is indeed astonishing. Your swords and formation swordplay may be formidable but do you believe that in less than thirty strokes I will be able to break through your defense?"

Shen Xingyue hummed coldly as she rained dozens on sword strokes on her, "Rubbish! You have not seen the best of our Four Aggregates Swordplay Formation yet and from what I am seeing, you seem to be courting your own death!"

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, "Oh really? I like to see..."

There was a flash of red and blue when Shen Xingyue flashed towards the Goddess of Mercy as she sent dozens of quick sword strokes on her!

The Goddess of Mercy was clearly startled by her extraordinary speed

attacks as she raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror in quick succession to block her attacks and at the same time there was an outburst of exploding martial force around her!

She muttered, “You have not reached the limit of your speed attacks yet...what...you are able to negate my martial force?”

Shen Xingyue danced out of harm way as she smirked coldly, “My Divine Rejuvenation Force is a unique divine skill art that is not to be underestimated. If you think that your martial force outbursts would be able to hurt me then you are indeed mistaken!”

As she stepped back gracefully, she had made a quick slash with her left fingers, executing her Starlight Divine Fingers as she smiled alluringly, “You know I don’t have to stick to the swordplay formation if I don’t want to. I am quick enough to make small adjustments!”

And no sooner had the Goddess of Mercy negated her Starlight Divine Fingers with a stunning hand gesture, Shen Xingyue had suddenly changed her finger stance and displayed the Big Dipper Hands!

The Goddess of Mercy was startled as she took a quick step backward in astonishment, “How did you...you know the Big Dipper Hands too?”

But she was quickly distracted because she was not only fighting Shen Xingyue but she was facing three equally dangerous foes!

It was because all of a sudden she gave a soft gasp when Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess had unleashed a flurry of sword strokes at her!

Her flurries of sword strokes were not scary but she was able to unleash her sword strokes at point blank!

The first principle of sword strokes stated that a long sword was a slashing and thrust weapon therefore sufficient room must be made for sword maneuvers.

But Ye Yin was crazy enough to step into the danger zone of the Goddess of Mercy’s attacks!

As the Goddess of Mercy raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror, she

began to flash outburst after outburst of explosive forces after her opponent; she was stunned that she had actually missed her and was even forced to take a step backward!

The one retreating back should be her opponent and not herself!

Ye Yin laughed softly, "I am expecting a lot better from you! The name of my divine sword is the Despairing Heavenly Divine Sword. You well remember this before you have visited the King of Hades. And your killer is the Ascension Goddess!"

The Goddess of Mercy groaned softly, "Why is that you seem to be able to second guess my move..."

But again before she could focus her attention on the Ascension Goddess, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Shen Xingyue had surrounded again!

The Goddess Isa said gleefully as she watched the battle while battling Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage at the same time, "So it seems that our Goddess of Mercy will be humbled today by mere celestial practitioners!"

Mei'Er was saying coldly, "I am going to strip her naked and hang her upside down to a tree. That will teach her for being so insolent!"

Yu'Er was also saying coldly, "I hate to say this but I agree with you!"

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, "Insolent! Do you dare to exchange a blow with me?"

Mei'Er raised her palm as she muttered the intricate formula of the Divine Emerald Force, "I dare not? What a joke!"

The Goddess of Mercy was secretly pleased as she thought, "Soon she will know the different between an immortal practitioner and a celestial practitioner and the difference between a Greater Cosmos Positioning Practitioner and one who had not opened their Heavenly Eyes!"

Immediately there was a powerful thunderous impact as Mei'Er and the Goddess of Mercy had displayed their martial power on their palms!

Immediately the entire ground beneath them collapsed violently and there was a burning outburst of martial windforce that sent dust, sands



and rocks flying in all directions!

Mei'Er coughed out a bout of blood as she took seven steps back while muttering, "Luckily!"

At the same time the Goddess of Mercy was forced to take three steps back in astonishment as she thought, "She can actually take a blow from me and still remain standing? Impossible!"

She had quickly hid her fingers under her sleeves because she did not want the Goddess Isa or the others to see that her fingers were actually trembling!

Naturally she did not know that Mei'Er had ten thousand years of cultivation in the lower realm!

That was why given her level of internal cultivation she was able to quickly neutralize the external force through her previous knowledge as the Axis Heaven Goddess!

Mei'Er was quickly helped by Yu'Er who had at the same time sent several sword energies at the Goddess of Mercy!

Yu'Er asked panicky, "Sister, are you alright?"

Mei'Er replied coolly as she flashed to attack the Goddess of Mercy again, "I am alright. Sister, she is stronger than we think. Do you think we should use the last stance of the Four Aggregates Swordplay now? Surely she will not be able to handle our combined attacks at the same time!"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly as she evaded their attacks, "Do you think I am afraid? Let me tell you this, I am not even serious yet!"

The Goddess Isa yawned softly, "Then you are definitely taking your time..."

Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage was surprised to hear that as he asked breathlessly, "Aren't you allies?"

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, "What do you think?"

Yi Ping had suddenly dashed into the clearing with Yixian, Lingfeng and the Celeste Wind Maiden as he shouted panicky, "Wait, hold please!"

The Ascension Goddess was startled as she managed a weak smile, “Ping’Er, why are you here?!”

Yi Ping was equally startled, “Ye Yin! You are here!”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was also startled when he saw the Goddess Aiel, “Xiaoci, you are here!”

The Goddess Aiel moaned softly, “You...are here...”

The Universal Old Man grumbled breathlessly as he emerged from behind Yi Ping, “Why are you not dead yet?”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage hummed coldly, “You wish!”

Almost at the same time the vicinity had broken into jovial laughter and chattering!

“Sister Lele, Sister Lie Qing, Sister Shi Shi, Sister Xian’Er, Sister Lingfeng, Sister Youxue...”

“Sister Yu’Er, Sister Mei’Er, Sister Ye Lin, Sister Xingyue...”

Yi Ping was immediately surrounded by Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin who were all embracing him shyly!

Yi Ping said to the Goddess of Mercy gently, “Maiden Gusu, they are my friends...”

The Goddess of Mercy said unhappily but she was still holding her Heavens Sundering Mirror threatening, “I can surely tell from their shameless actions. I didn’t know that you have affairs with so many.”

Ye Yin laughed softly as she winked at Yi Ping, “I didn’t know that you will be accused of having an affair? Ping’Er, you didn’t tell her who we are?”

Yu’Er smiled, “We are all Yi Ping’s consorts! What affairs are you talking about? And who are you?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “Xiang’Er, you can put away your weapon?”

The Goddess of Mercy reluctantly put away her Heavens Sundering Mirror as she stared blankly at Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yu’Er and Mei’Er...

She looked at the Goddess Isa, “Really?”

The Goddess Isa sighed softly, “Indeed! They are Yi Ping’s consorts!”

The Goddess of Mercy looked blankly at Yi Ping, “Yi Ping, did they threaten you?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “They are the kindest maidens that I ever know, don’t you worry...”

Han Lin said woefully, “Where is the Goddess Celestial Alice? She has got away?”

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, “We are pursuing her until we encounter this group here.”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage suddenly said, “This is my Green Dragon Sacred Sword! Quickly return it to me!”

But when he saw the bloodied head of Chu Mingfan, he cursed aloud. “So he is dead now. Serves him right!”

Han Lin cried aloud in rage, “What are you saying? Isn’t my protégé brother in your group? Is he not the second highest ranking Ascendant in the Holy Ascendant Sect and is your senior? How dare you shamelessly show such disrespect to him! Shouldn’t you seek vendetta for him instead?!”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage cursed aloud, “He is not my senior! He has actually dared to harm us!”

Yi Ping was startled, “What happened?”

Yu’Er said solemnly as she looked at Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue before saying, “He tried to violate Sister Ye Yin and Sister Xingyue. He would have almost succeeded if Mei’Er and I have not sensed his beastly empathy. But then...”

Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue kept quiet...

She was almost closed to tears, “He was able to hide it so well that even our Dual Inertness Intricacy was not able sense it until it was too late. We would have fallen victim to him if not for the appearance of Maiden

Ziyan. What happen next, we really did not know for Maiden Ziyan had lured him away...”

Yu’Er pointed to a beautiful maiden that was lying unconscious not so far away under a rocky ledge as she said, “That maiden over here is Lady Winter Plum of the Three Plum Sect. She is still unconscious after viciously attacked by Chu Mingfan. Her four protégés are also not so lucky and they have...”

She said melancholy as her tears swelled, “They have all committed suicide rather than live in shame!”

Yang Min and Shi Shi were also melancholy as they recalled their plight!

Yi Ping was stunned, “Yu’Er...Mei’Er...Ye Yin...Xingyue...”

Han Lin was staring in disbelief, “My protégé brother would never do such a thing. He is a gentleman and a highly cultivated celestial...”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage shook his head, “Do you think we will lie to you? I would never have believed it either. He is the one that has given me the Green Dragon Sacred Sword...but to think that I have almost died under his sword!”

Han Lin stumbled backward in disbelief, “Why would he? Why would he...”

Ye Yin said coldly, “That is because he is a Dragon Practitioner! That is what he has revealed to us! He has made a vow to destroy the Pangu Clan! He has given Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage the Green Dragon Sacred Sword to gain his trust and the trust of the Ascension Sect. But do you know that the Green Dragon Sacred Sword will never wholly serve another master?”

Shen Xingyue glanced at Lie Qing before she added, “That is because there is a seal in the Green Dragon Sacred Sword. According to Chu Mingfan, it is left there by an immortal called the Jade Emperor...”

She smiled at Yi Ping, “...naturally of course, I don’t think that this Jade Emperor is the same as Lele’s grandfather. So according to Chu Mingfan,

only the Jade Emperor himself and the Dragon Practitioners are able to wield the Green Dragon Sacred Sword.”

Ye Yin said bitterly, “Chu Mingfan is really more powerful than we have thought. And when the Green Dragon Sacred Sword is in his hands, it is as though he is unstoppable...”

Shen Xingyue interrupted coldly, “If we are not so trusting and placed so much faith in him, then we surely won’t fall into his hands.”

Yi Ping had finally got hold of the entire picture as he muttered, “Maiden Ziyang...since you have rescued them then why are you hiding from me...did I do anything wrong...”

Yixian comforted him gently as she looked at the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa, “Ping’Er, maybe she has her own reasons. Don’t worry too much...”

All of a sudden Yu’Er and Mei’Er had surrounded Yixian as they held her arms intimately, “Our good protégé mistress, our good sister! How are you?”

Yixian smiled gently, “Mei’Er, are you alright?”

Mei’Er answered, “I am not so seriously injured. But I got a good scare though. She is tough.”

Yixian said with a soft sigh, “Mei’Er, do you know that you may have gotten yourself killed? Do you know that she is an immortal practitioner that you are fighting?”

Mei’Er, Yu’Er, Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were startled!

Mei’Er stammered out, “She is an immortal practitioner?”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was also stammering as he forgot to demand the return of his Green Dragon Sacred Sword for the time being, “Really? She is here to give us the immortal practice?”

The Goddess of Mercy eyed him coldly before saying wryly, “Fat hope!”

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, “You can dream on.”

Yixian smiled weakly as she said gently to Mei'Er and Yu'Er, "I will explain things along the way. We have four immortal practitioners in our group..."

Ye Yin, Mei'Er, Yu'Er, Shen Xingyue and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were stunned, "Four?!"

Yixian said gently, "This is Maiden Gusu the Goddess of Mercy, this is the Goddess Isa..."

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage stared at the Goddess Isa, "What! You are an immortal practitioner? No wonder I cannot see past your divinity...."

The Goddess Isa smirked coldly, "So now you know now. Why don't you kneel and beg me for mercy now?"

Ye Yin asked curiously, "So who are the other two?"

Lele laughed jovially, "Naturally I am one too."

Ye Yin was completely stunned so were Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage!

Ye Yin murmured, "Is this some cruel joke? We are all here in the Stellar Sanctuary to seek the Immortal Practice and to find a way to ascend to the Immortal Realm but you have already become an immortal?!"

Lele stroked her long hair gently as she laughed shyly, "That is because I am a genius. I am the Joyful Goddess, Prime Celestial of the Celestial Palace!"

Everyone immediately moaned...

Yixian smiled at Lele before saying gently, "I will explain later. The forth immortal in our group is the Goddess Aiel."

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage stared blankly at the Goddess Aiel, "Xiaoci, you are an immortal?!"

The Universal Old Man reveled at his expressions as he added jovially, "Ai is an Immortal but you are only a Celestial. You shouldn't keep calling her name just like this."

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, “Yes I am. Ai or Xiaoci, I don’t mind. But I hope that the two of you will stop bickering with each other.”

All of a sudden Yi Ping asked, “Xing’Er, Ye Yin, Yu’Er, Mei’Er...why are you here? How did you manage to overcome the trials so fast?”

Ye Yin smiled weakly, “I was about to ask you the same. We have cleared our trials quickly and had just reached this place. We have thought that we are one of the first. So we thought that your group may be far behind us.”

Lingfeng fingered her hairpin as she smiled alluringly, “Surprise? That is because we know of a shortcut.”

Ye Yin laughed softly, “What a wonderful shortcut! It seems that we are all here today except for Yunzi...”

All of a sudden the golden Kirin cub howled aloud and an extraordinary beautiful delicate maiden was seen standing quietly distantly!

Everyone gasped for it was Yunzi!

She seemed to be alone but she was smiling gently!

Yi Ping’s heart jumped when he saw her!

“Sister Yunzi is also here!”

Indeed she was Yunzi!

Yi Ping knew that Yunzi had succeeded the leadership of the Infinity Sword Celestial Sword and would not be in the Stellar Sanctuary. But why was she here? He was actually glad that Yunzi would not need to be in the Stellar Sanctuary but when he saw her again; he knew that he had missed her so much!

Yunzi thought, “The Goddess Celestial Alice did not lie to me. I have really found Yi Ping!”

After Yi Ping had left, Yunzi was anxious and worried at the same time. She had begun to worry whether Yi Ping and her other sisters may be able to overcome his opponents if she was not there.

It was then the Goddess Celestial Alice had found her, “If you really think about him so much, I can bring you to see him but it is all depends whether you have the courage to follow me. I should warn you first. I don’t take care of weaklings. Do you dare to follow me or not?”

Yunzi had replied her, “Why not?”



# Chapter 152: The Great Ascetic Heavenly King

They were now facing a tall imposing steep cliff.

Yi Ping sighed softly, "It seems that we have taken a wrong turn."

The golden Kirin cub bellowed aloud as though it was agreeing with him.

Yi Ping looked quietly at the group of heavenly maidens, the Universal Old Man and Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage who were all nodding in agreement.

Han Lin said, "If that old man did not keep pestering me and making such a big din, we would not have taken the wrong turn!"

Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage said angrily, "You still haven't returned the Green Dragon Sacred Sword to me!"

Han Lin protested weakly, "It is not that I did not try to return it to you..."

She had thrown the Green Dragon Sacred Sword on the ground when Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage had asked for it but he had failed to pull it; it seemed that the Green Dragon Sacred Sword refused to acknowledge him as its master anymore!

The Goddess Aiel heaved a soft sigh, "Since the divine sword has picked Han Lin as its mistress then we can only respect its choice. There is really nothing left for us to do."

Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage muttered, "Xiaoci, you are on her side?"

The Goddess Aiel flashed him an annoyance look before saying exasperatingly, "Yes I am on her side. It is not because I am her protégé mistress. It is not because I am siding with her. Look at you, you are an eminent celestial practitioner yet you can't handle a little loss?"

Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage protested weakly, "But Xiaoci..."

The Goddess Aiel said sternly, "No but. As Ascendant Custodian of the Holy Ascension Sect, I command you to keep quiet."

The Universal Old Man began to laugh jovially, "You seem to have made Ai upset."

Lady Winter Plum was looking at the Universal Old Man quietly. She was the protégé mistress of the Three Plum Sect and had traveled together with the celestial practitioners of the Holy Ascension Sect as they made their way through the Stellar Sanctuary.

She had traveled with four of her most beloved and cherished protégés. All of them were intelligent and kind hearted maidens that had followed her for centuries.

Their sudden deaths had saddened her greatly and until now she had not come to terms with their demises yet. She really did not expect that Chu Mingfan who styled himself as the Reverend Sacred Sage would be so despicable!

She had actually taken a liking to him!

He was a dashing scholarly celestial practitioner and had a reputation as one of the eight original founders of the Holy Ascension Sect. Not only that, his martial strength was said to be on par with the Lord Supreme and he was the second highest ranking Ascendant of the Holy Ascension Sect.

In his company were Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage, the Ascension Goddess, the Eclipse Heaven Goddess, the Axis Heaven Goddess and the Fiery Phoenix. All of them were highly attained celestial practitioners from the Holy Ascension Sect and he was their leader!

Therefore it was not surprising that she had been impressed by him!

Because she was with these highly attained celestials, their venture into the Stellar Sanctuary proved to be quick and the trials were overcome quickly.

When they had reached the vast plains of the Stellar Sanctuary, Chu Mingfan had suggested that she followed him to recon the woods ahead.

Not knowing his true purpose, she had agreed readily.

But when she had reached the dense woods, Chu Mingfan had suddenly turned around and forced her to lean against a tree.

She was startled but before she could ask further, he had suddenly kissed her on her lips.

But because she had taken a liking for Chu Mingfan, she only managed a weak protest.

Chu Mingfan muttered softly to her, "You are so beautiful."

Before she had realized it, Chu Mingfan had loosened her silken knots that fastened her skirt and had slipped her long silk robe to the ground.

She was alarmed but she was unable to free herself from his aromatic kisses.

She started to struggle again when Chu Mingfan had slipped his hands into her body lingerie but her body was burning so hot that she could not muster any strength!

Chu Mingfan whispered gently to her as he stripped her naked, "You are like a heavenly fairy. You are so desirable. Today, I will make you mine."

And that day, Chu Mingfan had made her his.

But just when she was anticipating with delight on their further exploits in the Stellar Sanctuary, Chu Mingfan had revealed his true intentions and committed treachery against their group!

She was stunned by his betrayal and how he had made sport out of her!

Chu Mingfan had made it clear to them that he was only interested in obliterating the best celestial practitioners of the Pangu Race and his ultimate aim was to obtain the divine swords of the Holy Ascension Sect for his 'true master.'

But who his 'true master' was, he did not make it known to them.

Since then, she had learnt a painful lesson that would etch deeply into her memories forever.

The Universal Old Man had said quietly to her, "Be strong. The path to true enlightenment is still long!"

At this moment she was quietly looking at the Universal Old Man. It was because she had recognized him as the mysterious celestial practitioner that was with the Heaviness who had once encouraged her with the same words when she was just an ordinary celestial practitioner in the Mortal Realm.

The Universal Old Man did not seem to have recognized her but she had recognized him despite his beardless look now. It was because he had a distinct mannerism that had left upon her a deep impression.

She thought, "Can't he tell that the Sageess Ai or should I call her the Goddess Aiel now, quite obviously she seems to have eyes only for Yi Ping? But why is he so persistent? He is not as blind and dumb as he appears to be but why?"

Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage began to panic as he called out gently to the Goddess Aiel, "Xiaoci, don't be upset alright? I will keep my mouth shut."

The Goddess Aiel seemed to be appeased a little as she said, "I guess that we have to find another route now."

Yi Ping nodded as he said gently while looking at all the maidens, "We just have to find another route. I remember that there is a fork not far from here. Shall we go?"

Yang Min immediately gave a quick smile as she looked lovingly at Yi Ping, "I remember that there is a small creek there as well."

Yunzi smiled to her, "I remember as well!"

Yang Min was also smiling when she was looking at Yunzi.

All the maidens were chatting happily and looking at Yi Ping at the same time!

Yi Ping was looking at them awkwardly especially but he was also secretly delighted to be reunited with all of them again. It was because he

had been through several perilous exploits with all of them and in his dreams it was constantly replayed!

Shui Yixian, Lie Qing, Lele as Revelation Star, Luminous Star, Melody Star...

Xiao Youxue, Dugu Yunzi as the Endor Vixen Fairy, Celestial Ocean Heavenly Maiden...

Ji Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue as the Heaveness, Dark Enchantress...

Shui Yu'Er, Shui Mei'Er as the Eclipse Heaven Goddess and the Axis Heaven Goddess...

And in the Celestial Realm, he had met Shi Shi, Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess, Jing'Er, Han Lin, Yang Min, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy!

And right now they were all looking at him affectionately!

Yu'Er suddenly asked shyly, "Other than the mark on your forehead, why is that you seem to be so different now? Maybe different is not the word or rather, your mannerism now resembles someone I know a long time ago."

Mei'Er nodded as she chipped in with a delighted smile, "The White Sage! You have finally remembered!"

Even Shen Xingyue was intrigued. She had meant to ask this privately for quite some time but did not have a chance to do so. But now since Yu'Er had initiated it, she decided to ask as well. "You are really the White Sage?"

Yi Ping looked at Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Xingyue with a gentle look before he nodded awkwardly; it was because he had remembered vividly how the three of them had fought over him with disastrous results!

In the past when Yu'Er and Mei'Er were the Eclipse Heaven Goddess and the Axis Heaven Goddess, they were secretly smitten with the White Sage when he had visited the Ascension Sect. The White Sage may be a junior celestial practitioner but he had impressed upon them with his

profound wisdom.

However, they were too shy to initiate contact with him and could only admire him from a distant. After all they were highly eminent celestial practitioners and it was impossible for them to have relationship with anyone. Moreover it was unthinkable for them to hinder the White Sage ascension to the Celestial Realm by bogging him down with troubles of the heart!

They could only secretly wish him the best with their most heartfelt affections. That was their purest love for him!

But today they were reunited with him again and by an unlikely destiny, they were now his consorts!

Yu'Er as the Eclipse Heaven Goddess was musing in delight how irony it had been, "If that is my destiny that I will be married to him then so be it!"

Mei'Er as the Axis Heaven Goddess was also contemplating, "I am so happy! If I were to choose again, I will surely choose this life over my previous life! Master Yi Ping..."

Shen Xingyue was looking dreamily at Yi Ping as she muttered, "So you have remembered now..."

Yi Ping sighed softly as he nodded gently, "I am sorry. I have always wanted to say sorry to you..."

Shen Xingyue began to laugh but at the same time she was also sobbing uncontrollable, "You should! You owe me so much! You have actually run away from our wedding to become a priest. I hate you with all my heart!"

Ye Yin was startled.

It was because she had heard that Shen Xingyue who was known previously as the Dark Enchanter had a fiancé who had abandoned her on her wedding day, leaving her humiliated and heartbroken at his unfaithfulness.

She had never expected that her fiancé was actually the White Sage!

All of a sudden a thought struck her, “The White Sage...the Dark Enchantress...surely it is not a coincidence at all...”

There was a beaming tear in her eyes as she sighed softly, “I didn’t know that my little protégé sister has such an unhappy past. I used to dislike her because I have thought that she would be my greatest rival...”

She took a glance at Lie Qing who was watching quietly as she thought, “Hm, Lie Qing so it is you that is destined to be my greatest rival. Just how strong are you? If one of us will die then will it be me? Will Yi Ping grieves more for me or for you?”

All of a sudden Lingfeng clapped as she looked at Yi Ping coldly, “If you are really my grand protégé then surely you can remember what I have taught you? You can still remember the initial rites of our sect?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly before he recited, “Respect for the Way is virtue, the Way creates all things and shapes all things with virtue, the Way is separable and inseparable, having no beginning and end, ever omnipresent...”

He paused briefly before continuing, “Seek the Way, stay away from vanity and arrogant, do not seek reputation or fame, refrain from indulgence in music, lust and food, speaks true words, help those in need, be generous with your possessions, protect the weak, rescue those in crisis, assist those in poverty, give without expecting reciprocation...”

Lingfeng gasped as she quickly covered her mouth and there was beaming tears in her eyes!

Yi Ping continued, “All living things live and die under Heavens but only the Way is eternal. It is the Way that carries man’s heart. That is also the initial intricacy heart formula of the Emptiness Translucence...”

He glanced at the Universal Old Man before taking a look at Lingfeng, “In the past, I don’t understand why my two protégé masters refuse to tell me who they are and why they had to leave. But now I do now. I do know now...”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly, “That is enough. I don’t want you to say it

aloud or else I will surely kick you hard.”

The Universal Old Man looked at Lingfeng blankly, “My Heaveness, can you explain to me? I don’t quite get it.”

The Goddess Aiel whispered softly to him, “You unromantic oaf! It doesn’t matter if you are able to understand or not. It is strictly between the two of them!”

The Universal Old Man began to rub his chin, “Oh?”

Lingfeng turned away shyly and no one could see her face except for her back as she said with trembling voice, “It doesn’t matter anymore. We are man and wife now! All the things, all the emotions that I had felt that it was impossible for me to experience in the past...uh never mind...I am content now!”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he called after her, “Lingfeng...”

Lingfeng said quietly without turning back, “I still prefer the Yi Ping that I know...”

Lele had suddenly tiptoed in front of Yi Ping as she encircled him quickly as she lifted her eyes to inspect him before smiling nervously, “Really, you are the White Sage? You remember everything?”

Yi Ping looked beguilingly at Lele as he sighed softly, “I am such a fool. Among the three sisters, only you have memories of the past...”

Lele gasped, “You know?”

He glanced at Yixian and Lie Qing who were both looking lovingly at him before looking at Lele again, “You may have hidden it well but the expressions of your eyes have betrayed you.”

Lele said melancholy, “As if I want to remember the past!”

She looked at Yixian before she said melancholy, “My sister sacrificed her everything, all her attainment for me...I don’t want to fight with her over you anymore. Do you know how grief my heart is when I have recalled my past memories and know what she had done for me?”

Yi Ping took a tumbling step toward Yixian as he muttered, “Yunxiao...”



Revelation Star...Xian'Er, I have let you down..."

Yixian shook her head gently with a smile, "You have done so much for me already. I have nothing more to ask. We should really cherish what we have now and not dwell in the past."

Yi Ping was filled with gratitude for her and his eyes were beaming.

He turned to look at Lie Qing, "Qing'Er, I don't know how many times you have saved me...thank you!"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "You must remember it always in your heart or else I would be upset!"

Yi Ping turned to look at Youxue and Yunzi, before looking at the rest of the maidens again, "Let's go! This is not the end yet!"

Yunzi asked all of a sudden, "What about Maiden Ziyang? Or shall we call her the Goddess Celestial Alice?"

Yi Ping said quietly as he looked at the lofty mountains, "She is somewhere on the top. I will surely find her and stop her from further killings."

Yunzi looked at the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy before she said quietly, "Maybe she doesn't want to show up because of them. So what if you are able to find her? Do you think that the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy will let her off?"

The Goddess Isa scoffed uncomfortably, "If she is willing to apologize to me and kneel before me, I may consider letting her off."

The Goddess of Mercy thought to herself, "Isa, Isa don't be so hasty to speak your mind first. Can't you tell that this Maiden Yunzi is trying to sound you out first?"

She quickly said, "Maiden Yunzi, you must know that we are not here to make enemies out of the Goddess Theocracy or the Goddess Celestial Alice. The fact remains that we have intentionally broken the sacred transgression of the Goddess Theocracy and the punishment for this sacred transgression is death. Not even the Goddess Celestial Alice

herself can change this edict because she has invoked the name of the Great God Pangu.”

The Goddess Isa mused, “Right, right. It is not like Alice will spare us either. Either way, a fight between us is inevitable.”

Yi Ping muttered, “I rather not. She had saved Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er and had brought Yunzi to me. Maybe she doesn’t want to fight us...”

The Goddess Isa interrupted with a smile as she eyed the Goddess of Mercy, “Maybe she is afraid of us! She obviously knows that she is not a match for us!”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly as she thought, “She is still as conceit as ever. No wonder I can never get along with her.”

She said with sarcasm, “Or maybe she is waiting to be reunited with the Goddess Asura and the rest of the Goddess Theocracy. If they join hand in hand then they may not lose to us.”

The Goddess Isa looked at her as she thought, “No wonder I dislike her so much. She is ever so sarcastic.”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Ye Yin who were gifted with empathy skills were all smiling weakly. It was because they could sense that the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were anything but temporary allies; they were just co-operating because they had a common interest!

Lie Qing sighed softly, “This Goddess Isa is not as subtle as the Goddess of Mercy. In fact, she is a terrible bad actress. Or rather, she totally lacks any tact. I am beginning to like her. This Goddess of Mercy on the other hand adapts rather quickly. She is a much more dangerous opponent. What is her true intention? I hope that I am mistaken about her but friends and foes are hard to tell especially when this ‘new friend’ just dropped from the sky. I would rather put my faith on that Goddess Celestial Alice than this Goddess of Mercy.”

When she recalled the Goddess Asura, she thought. “I don’t trust that Goddess Asura either.”

Just as Yi Ping was sighing how he could resolve their feuds, the Goddess Isa said melancholy to him. "Ping'Er, are you on my side or not?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Yes surely..."

The Goddess Isa snapped her fingers as she proclaimed happily, "Then you have agreed to help me against the Goddess Celestial Alice?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "That is not what I have meant. I will rather that there will be no fighting."

The Goddess Isa responded angrily by unsheathing her divine sword threatening, "You still don't get it at all!"

Everyone began to turn ashen as they panicky surrounded the Goddess Isa so as to pacify her!

The Universal Old Man panicky said, "Cool it first. I am sure Yi Ping will surely help you..."

Yi Ping panicky said, "I mean surely there is a better solution than fighting..."

Lie Qing sighed softly to herself, "Ping'Er, how are you going to rein her in the future given her fiery temper? This is one maiden that won't be pacified by mere words."

The Goddess Isa thrust her divine sword into the ground with a thunderous impact as she said coldly, "I hope so!..."

But before she could continue further, the entire ground began to shake violently as though an earthquake had struck the vicinity!

She was startled as she panicky said, "I didn't do anything! Not me!"

Lele said unhappily, "All of things, you have to start an earthquake! Are you thinking of getting us all killed?"

Yang Min interrupted her by pointing at the impassable cliff earlier, "Look everyone!"

The impassable cliff was crumbling right before their very eyes, revealing the shape of a gigantic sitting long beard man and between his

legs was a large archway!

Yi Ping was astonished as he watched, “What is that?”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, “What a lucky find. It seems that we have found one of the hidden entrances that will bring us closer to the top!”

Yi Ping was startled, “There is a shortcut to the top?”

The Goddess Aiel and Lingfeng began to giggle.

Lingfeng looked at Yi Ping with a solemn expression, “Do you really think it is possible for us to climb hundreds of mountains in such a short time? Don’t forget that we are inside the Stellar Sanctuary and everything that you are seeing is actually part illusion and part formation.”

Yi Ping gasped with a sudden realization, “That is right! I should have thought of that earlier. The outlines of the mountains are just the surface of the Stellar Sanctuary!”

Lele clapped her hands, “So what are we waiting for? Let’s us go immediately!”

The Goddess Isa said unhappily, “I refuse.”

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at her, “What is wrong?”

The Goddess of Mercy growled softly, “I refuse to as well!”

Yi Ping was stunned!

Lele demanded to know immediately, “What is wrong with the two of you? We should make haste immediately but the two of you are hindering us!”

Lingfeng said coolly, “Such a shortcut is an extremely rare find here. If we don’t enter via this way, there is no promise that we can find another entrance anytime soon.”

Han Lin added mischievously, “Maybe they are afraid.”

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, “Han Lin...”

Yi Ping sighed softly as he turned to ask the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, “What is wrong?”

The Goddess Isa became flustered, "Why don't you ask the Goddess of Mercy?"

But when Yi Ping looked at the Goddess of Mercy, she was looking shyly away!

Yi Ping stammered, "What is wrong?"

All the others except for the Goddess Aiel were equally puzzled too!

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage muttered, "This is indeed a golden opportunity. What is wrong with both of you?"

The Goddess Aiel sighed softly as she shook her head, "Don't worry. They are just mindful of their dignity to walk between the legs of someone. After all, they are two of the highest ranking immortals in the Immortal Realm."

When she had said that, several of the maidens including the Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were all laughing jovially!

All of a sudden Yi Ping said quietly as he looked at the surroundings, "Who is there?"

There was a deep resounding laughter, "It seems that I have been discovered. Alas, I have already tried my best to suppress my laughter..."

The Goddess of Mercy, the Goddess Isa, Yixian, Lingfeng, Ye Yin were all startled; there was an intruder nearby and yet he had escaped their notice?

A wrinkled old man with a white plum fan had suddenly appeared.

He was not tall and was slightly shorter than most of the maidens so he had to gaze at everyone by lifting his head slightly.

At the sight of this wrinkled old man, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had turned completely pale!

The Goddess Aiel quickly said, "Be careful!"

The Goddess of Mercy warned quickly, "Be wary. He is an immortal practitioner!"

She added coldly to the wrinkled old man, “You are still not dead yet?”

The wizened old man hummed coldly, “Obviously not. Not until all my enemies are dead first of course.”

The Goddess Isa asked, “You are here to to be done with all of us?”

The wizened old man seemingly looked at Lele and Han Lin before muttering, “I have seen an auspicious celestial omen earlier that got my curiosity. The Green Dragon Sacred Sword is an immortal sword of the Jade Emperor. So you are his successor?”

He pointed at Han Lin and Lele, “Come with me if you want to preserve your lives. Do you know that you are in the company of wolves?”

Han Lin replied coldly, “Weird! Just because you have asked me to follow you, do you think that I will? I say, you are the wolf!”

Lele yawned softly, “Han Lin, I agree with you! I am the Joyful Goddess of the Celestial Palace. Do you dare to exchange a few strokes with me?”

The Goddess Isa immediately said, “Maiden Huan Le, this is not advisable!”

The wizened old man seemed to be surprised by the hostility of Han Lin and Lele as he raised his eyebrows, “They are all your friends?”

Yi Ping immediately readied a defensive posture as he interrupted, “Senior, I am Yi Ping. Who are you?”

Yixian, Lele, Lie Qing, Ye Yin, Mei’Er, Yu’Er, Lady Winter Plum, Shen Xingyue, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Jing’Er, Shi Shi, Youxue, Yunzi, Yang Min, Han Lin, the Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage had all immediately readied a defensive stance too!

The Goddess Aiel was trembling with fear!

The Universal Old Man said to the Goddess Aiel, “Ai, he is only one. We don’t have to be afraid of him!”

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was puzzled too, “Xiaoci, what is wrong?”

The Goddess Aiel whispered fearfully, "He is one of the seven Heavenly Kings of the Jade Emperor. He is who we call the Great Ascetic Heavenly King..."

The wizened old man snapped his fingers to say, "I prefer to be known simply as Yun Dingzhong..."

Yi Ping was immediately on his guard; it was because when the wizened old man had snapped his fingers, he could feel a wavering energy force passing through to him!

He quickly mustered his Absolute Equilibrium Force to counteract this force on the sly as he thought, "His martial force seems to be the same as my Absolute Equilibrium Force?"

Just as everyone was mustering their martial strength to put up resistance against the martial display of the wizened old man, he had suddenly vanished from view by echoing, "If it is the other Heavenly Kings then you may not be as fortunate. I suggest that you have better go under the legs of that statue, the sooner the better before I have decided to change my mind!"

The Goddess Isa immediately turned around as she dragged Yi Ping along with her, "Quick! There is no time to lose anymore!"

Yi Ping was forced to march to the archway with her!

The Goddess of Mercy was already at the archway as she warned everyone, "What are you all waiting for? Do you think that these immortals will not lust after your divine weapons? Do you really think he is being merciful? Once he gets rid of the other immortals in this vicinity, you bet he will be after us!"

Lie Qing muttered weakly, "Just a few moments ago, they would rather die than enter that archway..."

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As soon as the Goddess Isa walked through the archway and into the interior passageway, she gently pulled Yi Ping to her as she said firmly, “Lucky! Yun Dingzhong who we call the Great Ascetic Heavenly King is a formidable immortal fighter. He is renowned for his Mayhem Divine Force. His epitome techniques are the Absolute Endless Mayhem, Divine Scattering Impact and the Triple Trinity Invocations. His Mayhem Divine Force is one of the strongest martial forces in the Immortal Realm and not to be underestimated. In fact none of the seven Heavenly Kings are weak and they are the inventors of their own unique skills...”

Yi Ping was startled when the Goddess Isa had suddenly analyzed the wizened old man’s martial skills.

“His Divine Scattering Impact is his fingers skill. It is able to puncture a hole through steel from three feet away and injure within ten feet away! Combined with his Mayhem Divine Force, the Divine Scattering Impact is a martial power stance that can grind even a solid rock to dust in a hit. The Triple Trinity Invocation is his absolute heart intricacy skill that can further triple his attacking powers hence its name!”

Everyone was gasping in disbelief; it was because martial power was something that was extremely difficult to increase. A person may double his effort but there would only be slight improvement. While there were many types of intricacy heart formulas that could empower the practitioner and given classifications such as Divine Epitome, Superior Epitome and First Rate Epitome, none could double a practitioner’s martial power!

Yi Ping knew the reason all too well!

It was because all the martial power within a martial practitioner was inherent and that heart intricacy formulas could only help so much. Much of it still had to depend on the willpower and internal strength cultivation of the practitioner.



Even Yixian was shocked when she had just heard the Goddess Isa, “Then he is really unstoppable. Even my Absolute Defense Stance may not be able to stop a hit from him. What is stopping him from attacking us?”

The Goddess of Mercy explained causally, “That is because he has no confident of overcoming us either!”

Yi Ping was startled, “We have a chance of overcoming him?”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded as she looked at everyone, “That is right but half of us will surely perish!”

She said it matter of fact!

Yi Ping began to shudder slightly when he had heard it!

The price was too heavy!

Jing’Er looked melancholy at the ground. It was because she knew that she would be among the perished!

Shi Shi comforted her by tapping gently on her shoulder, “I guess I will be in the list as well!”

Yang Min laughed softly, “The same goes for me too!”

Yi Ping quickly said, “As long as I am here, I won’t allow anyone to hurt anyone of you!”

The Goddess Isa smiled gently at his kind gesture but she soon become solemn, “The Goddess of Mercy is too generous with her estimates. It is highly likely that only just two or three of us will survive. Or none at all.”

Everyone turned pale at this proclamation!

It was because she really did not look like she was joking with them!

The Goddess Isa added coolly, “That is because none of you have ever fought with a first generation immortal before. Naturally you won’t know how dangerous they can be whether or not they have a divine weapon or not. Whether we have any divine weapons or immortal weapons do not mean anything to them either!”

She sighed softly, “I have never expected that we will encounter one of

the Heavenly Kings today. I have always thought that they are all gone...”

The Goddess of Mercy added melancholy, “Same here. It seems that more than one has actually survived...”

Yi Ping asked, “Who are they? Are they formidable?”

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly before saying, “Extremely formidable and dangerous!”

The Goddess of Mercy sighed softly, “The full immortal name of the Jade Emperor is the Jade Emperor of the Thirty Three Heavens. The Thirty Three Heavens refer to the thirty three first generation immortals. Just how formidable are the first generation immortals? Without revealing the strength of their Heaven Eyes, all their martial strength is at least in the Lesser Cosmos Position! That is how formidable they are!”

The Goddess Isa nodded as she said quietly, “Not only that. As first generation immortals, the Universal Force is also stronger in their blood than the second generation immortals...”

“The Universal Force?!”

Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man, Ye Yin and many others were gasping with shock!

It was because the Universal Force was said to be the strongest force in the Universe and only the true immortal weapons were said to contain vestiges of this mysterious force!

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly. She immediately knew what they were all thinking about as she said, “The Celestial Force, the Mayhem Divine Force and all the various divine forces that exist in the Three Known Realms are all variations of the Universal Force. But because the first generation immortals are closest to the Universal Force, they are extremely powerful. And the differences between the first and second generation immortals are vast indeed!”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded, “Indeed! The weakest of the first generation immortal is more than a match than the strongest second generation immortal!”

While the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa were explaining, Yi Ping was silently muttering to himself. “The Mayhem Divine Force...it is quite similar to my Absolute Equilibrium Force. The force is perfectly balanced but at the same time I can also feel a powerful chaotic force that seemingly burst out...if I encounter him again, can I overcome him?”

The Goddess Isa nodded, “And the Heavenly Kings are the top practitioners of these thirty three first generation practitioners!”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage smiled weakly as he interrupted, “And now our opponent is one of the Heavenly Kings. I can well imagine how earthshaking the first immortal war is in the past between the first and second generation practitioners!”

Yi Ping was thinking of the same thing too. Just how vast was the difference between the first generation and the second generation immortals?

He began to look at the Goddess Isa...

He began to recall that the first time when the Goddess Isa had appeared, she had actually dared to confront the thousands of celestial practitioners without fear. If she represented the first generation immortals then the celestial practitioners were the second generation immortals!

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, “Not entirely true. Do you think we will dare to revolt against the Jade Emperor if the first generation immortals are united?”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage was startled, “Huh?”

The Goddess Isa said nonchalantly, “The second generation immortals are not the prime movers in the first immortal war. Two third of the first generation immortals actually opposed the Jade Emperor. Eventually the conflict embroiled the second generation immortals who were forced to take between the two sides.”

“That immortal war lasted for a long time and shook the entire Nine Heavens. When it had ended, it ended just as sudden. It was said that all

the surviving first generation immortals decided to battle it out in a final battle. When it had ended, all the first generation immortals could not be found including the Jade Emperor!”

The Universal Old Man muttered, “Alas, I can only imagine the ferocity of that battle!”

The Goddess Isa looked at Lele quietly, “But now, I have reasons to believe that the Jade Emperor is still alive!”

Lele yawned softly as she took a glance at Yi Ping...

At the same time the Goddess Isa had noticed that Yi Ping was staring blankly at her!

The Goddess Isa became extremely solemn as she called out slowly, “Yi Ping...”

“Yi Ping?”

Yi Ping was suddenly startled as he quickly replied, “Yes?”

The Goddess Isa groaned softly, “Are you paying attention to what I am saying? I am really serious!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “Of course I am paying attention...”

The Goddess Isa probed, “Really? Then why are you staring at me like that earlier?”

Yi Ping was stunned by her question as he looked at her blankly for a while...

Lingfeng hummed coldly, “He is nothing but a lecherous fellow! He does nothing all day except staring at maidens.”

Yi Ping immediately became flustered as he protested, “Lingfeng, that is not true...”

Lele muttered as she pointed at the Universal Old Man, “That is because his protégé master is also like that!”

The Universal Old Man immediately protested, “That is not true...”

Lady Winter Plum laughed softly, “Oh really?”

The Universal Old Man was a little startled that Lady Winter Plum was talking to him but he quickly composed himself to say, "Of course! You must know that I am a highly attained celestial practitioner. I am above all worldly desires!"

The Goddess Aiel almost choked when she had heard that as she began to cough several times!

Lie Qing raised her eyebrows, "You dare to peek at us when we are bathing. How dare you! I haven't settled that score with you yet. What highly attained celestial practitioner?!"

Lady Winter Plum was shocked as she stammered, "You are a peeking tom?!"

The Universal Old Man had suddenly become extremely flustered as he stammered, "No, that is not true. That is an accident..."

The Goddess Aiel was also questioning him, "You did what?"

The Universal Old Man broke into cold sweat as he shifted his eyes anxiously, "Ai, that is not true...don't listen to them..."

Lingfeng hummed coldly, "There are at least half a dozen eye witnesses. Do you think we will all frame you? Lecherous protégé master and protégé!"

Yi Ping was also having a deep flush as he protested, "Lingfeng..."

Mei'Er was laughing jovially, "Lecherous Ping'Er!"

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, "Not you, Mei'Er..."

Yu'Er laughed jovially too, "What's wrong, our master? Are you shy? Or dare not admit it?"

All of a sudden there was a cold air from the Goddess Isa as she said coldly, "Yi Ping! You...!"

Yi Ping decided to keep quiet after seeing there was no other way to protest his innocent!

All of a sudden the Goddess Isa said solemnly, "Yi Ping...Lele, Aiel,

Maiden Yixian...”

Yi Ping, Lele, the Goddess Aiel and Yixian looked curiously at her...

The Goddess Isa looked at Yu’Er and Mei’Er, “And Maiden Yu’Er, Maiden Mei’Er...”

Yu’Er looked at the Goddess Isa, “Yes?”

The Goddess Isa continued, “And Lady Gusu...”

Lady Gusu was of course the Goddess of Mercy.

The Goddess of Mercy was slightly startled that she would be addressing her so politely...

“And the Heaveness Lingfeng...”

The Goddess Isa said solemnly, “We are facing formidable foes that have no equal in the Immortal Realm. Even though not all of you are immortal practitioners yet but at the very least, your Heaven Eyes will at least give you a higher fighting chance than the others. But I only ask that the eight of you will delay the likes of Yun Dingzhong for a while so that the rest of the group can flee while they can.”

She turned to look at the rest to say nonchalantly, “Flee while you can while I will do my best to delay Yun Dingzhong or the others.”

Suddenly Yi Ping seemed to be enthralled by her as he looked at her. It was because he had suddenly seen her in a new light that he had never realized before.

Therefore he began to notice her every little expressions!

If the Goddess Isa knew that he was looking at her intently, she would surely be delighted!

It was because she had almost given up hope that she could be with Yi Ping. Moreover she was beginning to doubt if she was able to leave the Stellar Sanctuary alive!

The Goddess Isa had suddenly noticed that Yi Ping was looking at her so she said with an annoyed look, “Yi Ping, are you even listening?”

Yi Ping was startled but he quickly said, "I am..."

All of a sudden Shen Xingyue interrupted, "Wait a minute! You are asking us to flee without a fight?"

The Goddess Isa replied coldly, "It is for your own good."

Lie Qing yawned softly, "What if I refuse to listen to you?"

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin raised her eyebrows as she chuckled softly, "I fear nothing, even foes that are stronger than I!"

Yi Ping immediately shivered when he had heard that. It was because the last time Ye Yin had fought with the Immortal Sword Aegis Sage, she had almost lost her life!

So he immediately said, "Ye Yin, listen to her and live to fight another day."

Ye Yin looked at Yi Ping, "I know that a stupid fool will do otherwise. Since I am equally stupid too, so why will I listen?"

Yi Ping was stunned.

He could only smile bitterly; it was because if it was Ye Yin, he really could not think of anything that he could do to persuade her!

The Goddess Isa replied coolly, "Whatever if you don't fear death."

Yunzi was quietly observing the Goddess Isa. Finally she said, "Are you planning to sacrifice yourself for all of us?"

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, "Don't get me wrong, I am only fighting for myself. I just don't want any of you to distract me."

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, "No wonder the Goddess Isa is also known as the Battle Maiden Isa."

Yi Ping was solemn. It was because he had silently made up his mind not to retreat when that time comes!

Naturally most of the maidens had already second guessed him when they had seen his solemn expression. How could they not know or guess his intention?

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy flashed an anxious look, "Hold!"

Even the Goddess Isa was alarmed!

It was because this long stone passage was in a mess!

There were cracks along the stone slabs and along the passage ways!

Someone else was in this passage earlier and had destroyed all the possible traps!

Yunzi immediately said, "These cuttings are made by an exponent that excelled in sword energies."

Ye Yin nodded as she gently touched the walls, "The residue of this sword energy is still so chilling to the touch..."

Yixian quickly flipped and exercised her Jade Icy Fingers against the side of the wall before she gasped softly, "The internal strength of this practitioner is indeed unfathomable. Even my Eternal Heavenly Tears is not able to neutralize this piercing cold sword energy!"

Yunzi nodded as she said quietly, "It is even more formidable than the Six Negative Sword Energies that I have been practicing."

Yi Ping looked around the passage anxiously; the entire passage was eerily cold and chilling!

The Goddess Isa had a flinching expression before she sighed softly, "It seems that a deadly fight is unavoidable. It is a plaguing tribulation that we all have to overcome."

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, "I have never been afraid of anyone. Even if it is a Heavenly King, their guts would surely flee at the sight of my Heavens Sundering Mirror!"

The Goddess Isa almost choked when she had heard it. She knew that the Goddess of Mercy was trying to put on a brave front so she said coolly, "Right, right!"

All of a sudden Yi Ping said, "There is an opening in front!"

Indeed there was an opening in front!



Yi Ping was already running towards it!

It was because earlier when Yi Ping had entered this passage, he had sniffed a familiar light fragrant that belonged to Maiden Ziyan!

The rest of the group nodded as they unsheathed their weapons as they ran right behind him!

As they stepped into the passage opening, it led them into gigantic hall that was very much similar to the lower levels of the Stellar Sanctuary.

There were dozens of white pillars in this gigantic hall and in the middle was a beam of faint blue light.

But what had caught Yi Ping's attention was not the captivating blue light but the heavenly maiden that was standing next to it; indeed she was Maiden Ziyan aka the Goddess Celestial Alice!

As Yi Ping rushed into the gigantic hall, he called out to her. "Maiden Ziyan!"

The Goddess Isa called out coldly, "Alice! You are here! Prepare to meet your Maker!"

The Goddess Celestial Alice seemed to have snapped out of her trance as she turned around quickly to say panicky, "No wait! Don't come over!"

The Goddess of Mercy was more composed than the Goddess Isa or even Yi Ping. As she caught the sight of the silvery necklace that was hovering in the middle of the gigantic hall, she gasped with shock. "Isn't that the Universal Harmonic Chain!? It is actually here?!"

She quickly halted her steps in an explosive burst of martial force as she called out panicky to everyone, "No wait! Don't go over there!"

But the Goddess Isa had already raised her Divine Constellation Sword as she charged towards the Goddess Celestial Alice, "This time, you are not getting away!"

Yi Ping was startled by the Goddess Isa's sudden charge but before he could stop her, the entire ground began to shake violently and brilliant lights appeared and disappeared everywhere around them!

But that did not deter the Goddess Isa; in the next instant she was upon the Goddess Celestial Alice as she unleashed dozens of rapid strokes that were aimed at her!

The Goddess Celestial Alice was not slow to react either. She had unsheathed her Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword with a startling burst of angry martial force as she fended off the attacks while saying angrily, “Look what have you done! You have triggered the Stellar Esper Formation!”

In between their verbal exchanges, they had once again exchanged dozens of quick strokes that exploded thunderously upon impact!

The martial exchange was so furious that everyone including Yi Ping was forced to halt their forward rush!

The Goddess Isa raised her divine sword again to say, “Not that I care...”

But no sooner had she said, a burst of icy cold martial force had erupted from the blue light in the middle. Before she knew what was happening, she and the Goddess Celestial Alice were slammed onto the ground!

The blue light began to burst in all directions, exploding upon impact when it had hit something!

Yixian, Youxue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er immediately displayed the Divine Emerald Force while everyone else immediately displayed their most epitome skills or counter skills!

Yi Ping was quick to evade and block dozens most of the exploding lights. He had received only a few hits and temporary inflicting upon him a crippling pain!

When he had recovered his senses, he could only watch in horror as the middle had exploded in a mushroom cloud of grey dust as it completely enveloped both the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa!

When he turned back to his back, he was shocked to find Han Lin, Shi Shi, Jing’Er, Lady Winter Plum, the Universal Old Man, Old Vanquisher Sage and Yang Min on the ground!

The Goddess of Mercy had brandished her Heavens Sunder Mirror to reflect most of the piercing blue lights earlier but it was still not enough to stop the brutality of this Stellar Esper Formation!

She was now panting breathlessly!

In the meantime, the Goddess Aiel gasped out weakly, “Yi Ping! Step back quickly...it is not over yet!”

But Yi Ping refused as he took a trembling step forward. It was because he knew that the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa were in front of him...

Blocked by the thick dust, he could not see them or sense their vital signs.

He was trembling and his eyes were wet, “Isa, Alice...you must live...”

All of a sudden from beyond the gigantic hall was a bellowing earthshaking outburst!

Yi Ping coughed out blood as he forced another step forward, “What is that?”

It did not take long for his question to be answered; the dark outline of a monstrous giant with beaming red eyes had suddenly appeared in front of them!

# Chapter 154: The Esper Formation

When the Esper Formation was suddenly activated, blue explosive lights were seen bursting in all directions!

When the Celestial Fairy Yixian raised her Divine Emerald Force to receive the incoming blast, she was startled at the ferocity of these incoming blasts as it exploded thunderous in front of her!

If it was before, not even the Absolute Defense Stance of her Divine Emerald Skill was able to hold the furious blasts off.

But Yixian was different and stronger now. She had managed to evolve her Icy Heavenly Tears to the Eternal Heavenly Tears. Because the requisite of the Divine Emerald Force was the intricate energy of the Icy Heavenly Tears and the Eternal Heavenly Tears was the pureness form of the Icy Heavenly Tears intricacy energy, her Divine Emerald Skill was enhanced by several notches!

And on her forehead were five blue tiny insignia that marked her awakened Heaven Eyes that further empowered her martial strength!

A dozen beams of lights struck against her Divine Emerald Force as it exploded with violent burst of thunderous impact but the Celestial Fairy Yixian continued to stand firmly on her ground!

“Careful!” She shouted a warning to Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Youxue who were also executing the Divine Emerald Skill.

The Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu’Er gasped softly at the sight of these frightening and deadly blue beam strafing!

The Axis Eclipse Heaven Goddess Mei’Er was also startled as she cried out, “Sister! Be careful!”

They dare not be careless as they imbued their divine swords with the martial force of the Divine Emerald Skill as they deflected one energy projectile after another!

Yu’Er raised her Harp Whisperer Divine Sword expertly as she parried one energy volley after another while gasping breathlessly, “So this is the

Esper Formation?”

The two sisters were worried about the other maidens that were behind them. Even though they had tried to persist but they were forced to take several steps back as the martial explosion was really powerful!

Mei’Er gasped out in pain when she was hit by the aftershock of an exploding blue energy projectile but she quickly swung her Lyrical Whisperer to deflect another incoming explosive energy burst!

Youxue had surrounded herself with the Dominating Force and at the same time she was also displaying the Divine Emerald Skill. However it was obvious that her Divine Emerald Skill was not as powerful as the Celestial Fairy Yixian, Yu’Er and Mei’Er as evidenced by the furious impact of the explosive energy projectiles!

The Divine Emerald Skill was a martial force that could neutralize the blunt of attacks and especially effective against martial force.

Because Youxue was not able to neutralize the deadly explosive impact of the energy projectiles, it was evidenced that the level of her Divine Emerald Skill was less effective than Yixian, Yu’Er and Mei’Er!

However unlike Yu’Er and Mei’Er, Youxue continued to hold her own; it was because she was protected by the strength of her Dominating Force and her Golden Impervious Body!

Yixian gasped to Youxue, “Youxue, step aside!”

Youxue smiled weakly as she broke into cold sweat, “I am alright...”

In the meantime, the Goddess of Mercy had countered against the beaming light projectiles of the Esper Formation with her Heavens Sundering Mirror with bursting energy projectiles on her own!

“This is nothing to be afraid of...” She hummed coldly.

As for the Celeste Wind Maiden and Shen Xingyue, they were executing their swiftness skill as they evaded one energy projectile after the other. When it became apparent that they could no longer evade, they would parry with their divine swords!

Most of the other maidens were also evading the energy projectiles. Only when they had left with no other choice would they tried to parry the energy projectiles but it was a choice that they rarely exercise; it was because to do so was a painful and terrible experience!

Jing'Er and Lady Winter Plum had coughed out blood as they tried to parry an energy projectile in desperation with their swords and they soon received scathing injuries!

The Universal Old Man had broken into heavy perspiration as he calmly stood between them as he exploded the air with his Ultrapowerful Force, "Be careful! Behind me quick!"

Lady Winter Plum gasped, "You are sure?"

The Universal Old Man did not pay any attention to her as he was preparing another bout of vital energy as he mustered his martial power again to quickly unleash another explosive martial force of his Ultrapowerful Force to counteract the energy projectiles!

Lady Winter Plum muttered with heartfelt appreciation, "Thank you..."

But she quickly called out in alarm, "Watch out!"

At the same time Yunzi had imbued her divine with deadly sword energies as she whirled it in front of her, deflecting the energy volleys away from her harmlessly!

The Goddess of Mercy was startled at her martial display and her sword energies skill as she thought, "Who is she? She can actually enhance the intensity of her sword energies to the same level as the Esper Formation? I thought that she is just an ordinary celestial practitioner...how wrong I am. What if she is to awaken her Heaven Eyes? Won't she be a dangerous opponent in the future?"

But before she had recovered from her surprise, she was even more startled to see the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin evading all the energy projectiles with the slightest movement and she was doing it with her eyes closed!

She was startled, "Is this the Invisible Eye Secret Technique?! She has

actually perfected it?!”

She quickly looked around her and quickly noticed that another maiden, Lie Qing was equally formidable. Surrounded by ten hovering wisps of bluish spheres, she had stepped next to the Celestial Fairy Yixian in a dangerous maneuver...

“Surely she is not thinking of tanking against the might of the Esper Formation...that will be too insane...”

To her surprise when Lie Qing was bombarded by dozens of explosive energy outburst, she had emerged unscathed!

The Goddess of Mercy was stunned as she thought, “This...is that the Invincible Divine Force?! Impossible...one, two, nine, ten! That is already an immortal level attainment yet she is just a celestial practitioner?! Who is she and how did she knows the Invincible Divine Force?”

All of her sudden she did not feel that her Heavens Sundering Mirror would be useful against this Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing and Ascension Goddess Ye Yin!

She sighed softly, “Guess that I have to dirty my hands against them...”

She was not worried; it was because she was confident of her martial strength!

All of a sudden she was alarmed as she noticed their dark swords, “These two swords! Impossible!”

But she had no time to contemplate for the time being as the formidability of the Esper Formation had increased several folds, leaving her in a state of breathlessness!

Luckily it did not last long and the Esper Formation had stopped!

But when it had stopped, many of their group had stumbled onto the ground either from sheer exhaustion or from their injuries!

But that was not all!

Amidst the dissipating mushroom dust cloud, the dark outline of a monstrous giant with beaming red eyes had suddenly appeared in front of

them!

There was no sight of either the Goddess Isa or the Goddess Celestial Alice to the visible eyes!

Yi Ping was standing in front of the towering monstrous giant; it was even bigger than the Demon Bull King that they had previously fought!

Out of their group, only the Celestial Fairy Yixian, the Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu'Er, the Axis Heaven Goddess Mei'Er, the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin, the Joyful Goddess Lele, the Celeste Wind Maiden Qian, Dugu Yunzi, Xiao Youxue, the Heaveness Lingfeng, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy were still standing but they were all panting breathlessly as they had just overcome the Esper Formation!

When Yi Ping turned his back around, he was shocked to find Han Lin, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Lady Winter Plum, the Universal Old Man, Old Vanquisher Sage and Yang Min on the ground!

The Heaveness Lingfeng was trembling weakly; despite her epitome swiftness movement skill, she had taken a few hits from the Esper Formation. Luckily, she was more or less protected by her Celestium Silk!

She muttered softly to the Universal Old Man, "Old man, are you alright?"

The Universal Old Man coughed weakly, "Not to worry. I am alright. I only need a little rest..."

He quickly looked at Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage, "Are you alright?"

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage hummed coldly, "I am also alright. It takes more than that to kill me!"

The Goddess Aiel said quietly to them, "Stop the bickering. It is lucky that the worst of this Esper Formation is over. If it is activated a second time then, then most of us will be gone. Now we ought to think how we are going to fight that beastly monster that is in front of us!"

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin had already rushed forward, "Yi Ping! I



am coming to aid you!”

Among all the maidens, she had used the least martial strength and was the first to recover from the attacks of the Esper Formation!

Lele was cursing enchantingly with her divine voice as she raised her Divine Echo Sword which had been superheated by the earlier blasts, “This is so infuriating! Ping’Er...careful! There a giant in front of you...”

She tried to take a step forward but she soon stumbled forward painfully; she had tried her best to neutralize the furious energy impacts with her Celestial Force but even for her, it was too much for her!

But Yi Ping was raising his arm in front of him while shouting panicky, “Isa, Alice...Isa...Ziyan! Where are you?”

He seemed to be oblivious to the hovering giant threat that was gaining momentum upon him!

The entire ground beneath Yi Ping had sunk as he tried furiously to muster his martial strength to move forward but against the powerful martial windforce that were generating in front of him, he could only take small steps at a time!

The sharp eyes of the Goddess of Mercy had noticed that in the place of the Universal Harmonic Chain, a monstrous giant had taken its place. She had quickly concluded that if she wanted to seize the Universal Harmonic Chain, she had to destroy this monstrous giant first!

The Universal Harmonic Chain!

Her heart was pounding rapidly. It was not because the Universal Harmonic Chain was an immortal artefact that caused her to have this reaction. Granted that divine artefacts were extremely rare in the Immortal Realm and that immortal artefacts were even harder to obtain therefore it would seem that even the most highly attained immortals would be tempted to seize it for themselves!

The Goddess Aiel was also muttering silently as she stared blankly at the monstrous giant!

The rest of the group except for Yi Ping had already noticed from the startled expressions of the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Aiel that this Universal Harmonic Chain was not an ordinary immortal artefact.

What exactly was this Universal Harmonic Chain and what could possible cause the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Aiel to have such startled expressions?

The Goddess of Mercy had her Heavens Sunder Mirror and her artefact was a renowned immortal artefact to be feared!

But this Universal Harmonic Chain seemed to be above the Heavens Sunder Mirror?

It was because all immortal artefacts were grouped into three main grades; good, superior and ultimate!

While the Heavens Sunder Mirror was a superior grade immortal Artefact, the Universal Harmonic Chain was an ultimate grade immortal artefact!

Just how rare was an ultimate grade immortal artefact?

Extremely rare!

In the Immortal Realm, the birth of immortal artefacts would occur after absorbing sufficient spiritual essence from the heavens and earth. The birth of an ultimate artefact would always be accompanied by many great signs and significant omens for many months until the birth of the ultimate artefact!

Just before the Universal Harmonic Chain had fully ascended, hundreds of immortal sects had already gathered their immortal practitioners at its birthing place to await its arrival!

The immortals had an unbroken rule; the first person that could seize the immortal artefact would have it!

Therefore thousands of immortal practitioners including the Goddess of Mercy had arrived months before the exact birth of the immortal artefact. Because none of them knew the exact birthing time of the

unknown immortal artefact, everyone would rather be early than late!

In order to get into the best position to seize this unknown artefact which was named the Universal Harmonic Chain later, all the immortal practitioners began to form multiple alliances as they fought one another either openly or with great subtle!

No one wanted to miss out on such an omnipotent immortal artefact, especially one that only appeared every tens of thousands years apart!

Just before this unknown artefact could ascend upon the Immortal Realm, many of the squabbles began to escalate into major fights!

Finally when this unknown artefact had emerged from the heavens in a burning fireball, the heavens and earth began to shake in anticipation of its appearance!

The Goddess of Mercy was expecting the shape of this unknown ultimate grade immortal artefact to be in the form of a super class immortal weapon. She was naturally a little disappointed that the appearance would be that of a beautiful pink sapphire necklace. What good would a necklace be?

They would discover that they were all wrong or had miscalculated!

It was because all calculations and divinations proved them all wrong when this ultimate immortal artefact turned up to be a super class immortal artefact with unknown powers!

The name of this new super class immortal artefact was quickly divined to be the Universal Harmonic Chain, an immortal artefact that was impervious to all external forces and that it was closely related to the Stellar Sanctuary Core Artefact that was in the possession of the Goddess Theocracy!

As everyone began to fight for control of this Universal Harmonic Chain by dissolving the powerful intricate formations that were surrounding it, it had suddenly exploded into brilliant light and disappeared into the heavens without a single trace!

All the sacrifices were in vain!

The Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Aiel were presented that day but they had never expected that the Universal Harmonic Chain to have disappeared and would be in the Stellar Sanctuary!

Now that she had seen the Universal Harmonic Chain today, she cursed softly that she would have realized that. And from the looks of the Universal Harmonic Chain, it seemed that it had become even more refined and was exuding an inner radiant!

There was no doubt that this Universal Harmonic Chain had undergone several transformations in the Stellar Sanctuary and had finally reached attainment!

Like the celestial and immortal practitioners, the immortal artefacts also have several evolution stages to attain; Origin, Awakening and Metamorphosis!

The Goddess Aiel seemed to have realized that as well as she gasped softly!

Lele seemed to have been mesmerized by the Universal Harmonic Chain earlier. She seemed to feel a close affinity with this beautiful pink sapphire necklace. She had been practicing the Holy Pureness, a secret heart intricacy skill that was taught to her by her grandpa.

The Holy Pureness had altogether nine staging and the highest that she could go was the eighth. She did not think she could go beyond the eighth staging and so did her grandpa.

Her grandpa had told her once before, "I didn't think that you can reach the eighth staging of this Holy Pureness Heart Intricacy Skill but you have. Even the best practitioners that I know can only reach the seventh staging..."

He sighed softly, "I don't know if it is a blessing or a bad thing..."

Lele laughed softly, "Naturally it is a good thing. The higher staging it is, the better!"

Her grandpa looked at her blankly before saying solemnly, "There are only two types of practitioners that I know that can reach the seventh

staging. Those very naïve or those hopelessly mental.”

Lele raised her eyebrows as she protested weakly, “Grandpa, is that supposed to be a compliment or a slap in my face?”

Her grandpa laughed jovially, “What do you think?”

And now Lele had a strange sensational gut feeling with her Holy Pureness!

She immediately thought, “Does it means that if I can seize this Universal Harmonic Chain then I can advance my Holy Pureness to the ultimate staging?”

With this in mind, she had immediately shown an interest in the Universal Harmonic Chain!

But before she could step forward to seize the Universal Harmonic Chain for herself, the Esper Formation had triggered and started to level its vicinity into oblivion!

Sensing danger, Lele had immediately threw her long scythe upside down into the ground as a shield while she brandished her Divine Echo to fend off any energy projectiles that she could not evade!

Lie Qing was initially worried for Lele because she had immediately realized the scale of the multitude of these incoming energy projectiles!

But when she seen that Lele’s long scythe did not disintegrate and upon getting hit, she was startled to see her weapon turn silvery!

She thought, “Don’t tell me that Lele’s scythe is also made from the Heavenly Relic?”

But her attention had quickly returned to fend off the high velocity energy projectiles!

If it was not for the combined efforts of Yixian, Youxue, the Goddess of Mercy and Lie Qing that were fending most of the energy attacks from the Esper Formation then it would really be disastrous for their group!

When the Esper Formation had stopped and even before the smoking debris had totally cleared, a monstrous giant had taken the place of the

## Universal Harmonic Chain!

They were all stunned at the sight of the monstrous giant!

It was because they knew that one hit from the monstrous giant, they would be killed instantly and moreover, this monster was really too big and they were all asking the same question, “Can we evade its attack?”

Yi Ping was asking the same question too. He shook his head as he gasped hold of the two Celestial Alices while thinking, “The arm of this giant is too wide. If we think that we can evade it then it will only be our wishful thinking. I can only go headlong with it...alas, Alice, Isa, are you alright?”

But before he could muster his martial strength to spring forward, his keen sight had caught two shadowy figures in the thick smoking debris!

They were indeed the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa!

The Goddess Celestial Alice had wrapped her golden and green peacock silken robe around her as blistering wisps enveloped around her!

At the same time the golden jadeite armor of the Goddess Isa was also enveloped with smearing smoke!

Yi Ping's heart began to pound at their sight but at the same time he was filled with great anxiety because of the towering monstrous giant that was just hovering within striking range in front of them!

Just as he took a single step forward, the Goddess Isa gasped to him. “Yi Ping, don't take another step forward...”

She did not have the time to finish her sentence because the fist of the monstrous giant had suddenly smashed toward her!

The Goddess Isa flipped two times with amazing agility before leaping on the top of the knuckle of the monstrous giant as she slashed the monstrous giant with her divine sword!

The Goddess Celestial Alice was also being attacked by a barrage of attacks from the other fist of the monstrous giant too!

She gasped softly as she evaded with great dexterous, “Isa, I am not

going to let you seize the Universal Harmonic Chain. With your current attainment, it is not possible for you to exert control over it!”

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, “If I am not able to exert control over it then can you? If I don’t try, how do you know? What a joke!”

They were interrupted by the bellowing howls of the monstrous giant as it sent waves after waves of smashing fists at them and creating explosive martial shockwaves as its fists struck the ground!

Yi Ping was startled at how mobile this monstrous giant was and the speed of its attacks!

But the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa were even more agile as they flipped with in mid-air with amazing dexterity as they evaded and slashed against the monstrous giant at the same time!

In just a blink of an eye, they had performed a series of attacks, flip-flops, evades and leap attacks at the same time!

Yi Ping was stunned at the speed of their movements and their attacks!

In the next blink of an eye, the Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess had also dashed into the midst of the formidable martial outburst!

Yi Ping had been tanking and taking the blunt of the hits from the Esper Formation earlier. It was a lucky thing that he had a formidable endurance and he was standing simply because of his sheer mental fortitude!

He was immediately alarmed when the Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin had suddenly dashed past him to take on the monstrous giant!

The Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess had emerged from the aftermath of the Esper Formation unscathed with their martial strengths barely affected!

Yi Ping forced himself to take another painful step forward as he called alarmingly to them, “Maiden Gusu! Ye Yin! It is far too dangerous for

you!”

Barely had he shouted, Lele had also dashed past him to confront the monstrous giant!

This time Yi Ping coughed out blood as he called out to Lele, “Lele, stay back! It is too dangerous for you!”

Lele had reacted much slower than the Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess because she had expended plenty of her martial strength earlier but for reasons that she could not explain herself but when she had seen the Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess dashing forward, she knew that she had to seize this Universal Harmonic Chain for herself!

Lie Qing was stunned too when Lele had suddenly dash forward too!

Lie Qing was the only person left in Yi Ping’s group other than the Goddess of Mercy and the Ascension Goddess that had remained unscathed from the Esper Formation but she was not moved by the immortal artefact or the monstrous giant to act yet.

It was because she had always been a passive exponent that preferred the others to act first or else she would not be the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing that she was renowned for!

Unless there was a need, she would prefer not to display her martial skills and take any unnecessary risks to endanger herself. Moreover there were two super exponents that were fighting the monstrous giant at the moment so she was not too worried for the time being!

But Lele had leapt to attack the monstrous giant therefore it became another thing now!

Yixian immediately turned to look at Lie Qing with pleading eyes and Lie Qing immediately said, “I will go aid Lele...”

When Yi Ping had heard it he was immediately grateful as he said weakly, “Qing’Er, be careful too!”

Lie Qing nodded as she dashed forward with lightning speed!



Yi Ping quickly turned his attention to the fight and he had almost got a heart attack!

It was because the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa were fighting with each other at the same time too!

That was not all; the Goddess of Mercy had also raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror against the Goddess Celestial Alice, “Alice! Finally today you will fall into my hands!”

She had raised her Heavens Sunder Mirror; immediately there was a brilliant reflection that came from her mirror that sent several brilliant rays of light toward the Goddess Celestial Alice!

The Goddess Celestial Alice hummed coldly as she lifted her skirt as she somersaulted thrice in mid-air as she avoided the slamming punch from the monstrous giant, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy at the same time!

As she somersaulted she had raised her Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword as she said coldly, “You have forced my hand so don’t blame me! Third Seal!”

Three out of seven of the orbs along the blade of her divine sword began to glow brilliantly!

As she raised her divine sword, there was a sudden implosion from the ground as her divine sword was suddenly imbued with a startling burst of martial power!

At the same time she had crossed swords with the Goddess Isa, sent the Goddess of Mercy stumbling backward and thunderous implosions had exploded when she had slashed furiously at the monstrous giant!

All these occurred in a blink of an eye!

Yi Ping was in awe of the terrifying speed of the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy!

This was the first time that he had also seen the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa fighting with such earnest and they had displayed several

mind blogging killing techniques!

Lele, Lie Qing and the Ascension Goddess were flung aside by the martial shockwaves of these three immortal practitioners and the monstrous giant as they stumbled back to where Yi Ping was!

Lele heaved a soft sigh, "I cannot even get close to them!"

The Ascension Goddess smiled weakly, "Oh well, let them fight!"

Lie Qing said coolly, "That should be the case actually!"

Yi Ping coughed weakly as he said unhappily, "Lele, Ye Yin, Qing'Er... don't do that again!"

Ye Yin looked at him as she laughed softly, "So, you are worried for me?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I am worried for all of you..."

All of a sudden there were several bursting martial shockwaves that erupted in their direction!

Yi Ping quickly exercised his martial power to execute the Ultrapowerful Force to counteract the opposing force but by now, Yixian, Youxue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had already recovered some of their martial strength and were in front of them as they displayed the Divine Emerald Force to shield them from the martial shockwaves!

Lele laughed softly, "Sisters, I want the Universal Harmonic Chain! It is such a pretty necklace and I have decided that I should own it!"

Yixian smiled weakly, "Lele, that is an immortal artefact and it seems that the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa are all fighting over it. Maybe we should just observe first, alright?"

The Goddess Aiel had quietly walked next to Yi Ping and Lele as she muttered quietly, "...the immortal artefact that had caused so many immortals to lose their lives..."

At the same time Yang Min, Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Han Lin, the Celestial Wind Maiden, Lady Winter Plum, Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage and the Universal Old Man had all gathered around Yi Ping...

Yang Min asked Yi Ping softly, “Yi Ping, are you alright?”

Yi Ping nodded quietly as he continued to look at the intense fight that was taking place!

The three immortal practitioners were moving like phantom shadows!

All in all since the end of the Esper Formation, only a short ten blinks of an eye had passed and the three of them had already exchanged hundreds of strokes!

The monstrous giant was bellowing loudly and there were numerous afflictions on its body!

Yi Ping did not expect that the monstrous giant to take so much damage in such a short time!

In fact it appeared that the monstrous giant was about to break apart at any time as thunderous explosive impacts ripped across its body one after another!

The Goddess Celestial Alice hummed coldly to the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa as she fended off their lightning fast attacks, “I will give the two of you another chance. Support me and prosper or perish if you have decided to oppose me!”

The Goddess of Mercy stabbed her with several changing finger stances, “Fat hope!”

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly as she charged at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “I won’t be at your mercy. Not before and ever! Twenty-Fourth Constellation Stroke!”

In that single charge a burst of energetic burst of overwhelming martial burst had erupted around her; it was so strong that the monstrous giant was knocked back!

The Goddess Celestial Alice raised her palm to knock back the Goddess of Mercy while evading the clumsy attacks of the monstrous giant as she replied coldly to the Goddess Isa, “Then don’t blame me for not giving you any chance. The Universal Harmonic Chain belongs to the Goddess

Theocracy...”

All of a sudden the Goddess Celestial Alice gasped softly because the Goddess Isa had suddenly changed her attack stance to four beaming sword energy bursts!

Yixian gasped, “The Unanimous Quadruplet Hits!”

She had a taste of the special attack technique of the Goddess Isa when they had a duel previously and she knew how formidable this sword technique was!

Can the Goddess Celestial Alice neutralize this stance especially when she was fighting two other deadly opponents?

The Goddess of Mercy said coldly as she raised her fingers to the back of the Goddess Celestial Alice, “Isa, good! I will attack her back! She is already faltering even though her mouth is hard!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice hummed, “Oh yes...”

But at the moment the monstrous giant made another roaring attack on her!

She quickly evaded the attacks of the monstrous giant by flip-flopping several times but she was clearly caught in the midst of both the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy!

Although the monstrous giant was blocking her with its huge palm, nevertheless The Goddess of Isa burst straight for the Goddess Celestial Alice as she burst straight through to it!

The monstrous giant howled in pain as its granite fingers shattered!

The Goddess Celestial Alice swung her sword to counter the Unanimous Quadruplet Hits of the Goddess Isa immediately but by the third stroke, she was already faltering as she was also fighting the Goddess of Mercy with her left hand at the same time too!

Yi Ping immediately gave a loud martial shout when he saw that the Goddess Celestial Alice had been cornered, “No!!!”

But the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa cried out together,

“Now!”

The Goddess Isa had pierced her sword through the right shoulder of the Goddess Celestial Alice and at the same time the Goddess of Mercy had struck the left shoulder of the Goddess Celestial Alice with a thunderous cracking impact!

The Goddess Celestial Alice coughed out blood as she was slammed onto the ground with a thunderous impact that caused the ground around her to explode with thunderous outbursts!

Yi Ping gasped panicky, “Maiden Ziyan!”

But at the same time the monstrous giant had taken advantage of their fights to swing its fist at the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa, slamming them onto the ground in a similar manner like the Goddess Celestial Alice!

Yi Ping was now wobbly as his head began to spin when he heard their agonizing cries, “Isa, Maiden Gusu...why...”

They had disappeared into a plummet of dust and debris; the direct hit of the monstrous giant had hit them so hard that Yi Ping knew that he would be killed instantly and even flattened if he was the one that was being hit!

Yunzi was stunned as she gasped, “They must have hated Maiden Ziyan so much that they would disregard their own lives...”

All of a sudden she interrupted herself as she sent her White Phoenix Divine Sword to spin as a flying sword and struck the body of the monstrous giant with a thunderous impact as she said panicky, “The monster is coming straight for us now!”

Yang Min gasped softly, “Do we run or fight now?”

Yi Ping was filled with teething rage and he was trembling nonstop, “I will fight!”

Han Lin was shocked, “Yi Ping, you can’t. Not in your present state. You don’t even have any strength to stand properly!”

The Universal Old Man urged, "Leave to fight another day. I know how you feel. The Heaveness and I have lost many companions in this way but we must first learn our limits."

The Heaveness Lingfeng said quietly as grabbed him and infused him with her internal strength, "Yi Ping, I will fight alongside with you..."

Yi Ping gasped as he looked at Lingfeng who gave him an alluring smile, "Lingfeng..."

The Celestial Fairy Yixian smiled, "Ping'Er, we are all here together."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were also saying at the same time, "Yes, we are all here together."

Yu'Er added, "I don't believe that we cannot bring this freaking monster down!"

Youxue nodded, "That's right!"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "I don't mind challenges!"

Lele clapped her hands, "So what are we waiting for? Xiao Qian, Ye Yin, Xingyue...go and distract the giant for us while we will seize the opportunity to attack!"

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin groaned softly; she seemed to be cursing softly...

The Celeste Wind Maiden hummed coldly, "Why should I do your biddings?"

Shen Xingyue sighed softly as she took broad stride forward as she eyed the monstrous giant that was taking booming steps toward them, "Here we go..."

Yi Ping called out, "Everyone, be careful!"

Shi Shi had also said at the same time, "Sisters be careful!"

Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage was cursing himself, "I am so useless..."

The Universal Old Man was also sighing wearily, "The same goes for me as well..."

Lady Winter Plum said quietly, “No you are not. It is just that we have run afoul of the deadly Esper Formation that had sapped much of our martial strength. Do you think that the rest of us here are not blaming ourselves for not having the strength to fight?”

The Universal Old Man began to look at Lady Winter Plum in a new light as he muttered, “True, true...”

Jing’Er, Yang Min, Shi Shi, the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were also looking at Lady Winter Plum with teary nods and expressions...

Yi Ping had raised his divine swords to say, “Maiden Ziyan, Isa, Maiden Gusu...don’t die, I am coming!”

# Chapter 155: The Unchained Melody

Yi Ping had taken the first initiative to attack by preparing the Heavens Horizon Stance as he slashed at the monstrous giant with all his martial power!

Immediately the ground beneath him broke apart by three rings of sheer explosive martial outburst as he followed up with his most powerful attack stance, the Asper Divinity!

At the same time Shen Xingyue, the Ascension Goddess, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had displayed the Four Aggregates Sword Formation as they attacked the bellowing monstrous giant!

Yixian, Lele and Lie Qing had also joined in the battle against the monstrous giant as they grouped themselves into a formation; the Celestial Star Formation!

Lele laughed softly, "Finally we are able to fight together again! How long has that been?"

Yixian smiled gently as she unsheathed her beaming white blue Icy Heavenly Divine Sword in a ringing echoing while raising her left fingers to display the Icy Jade Fingers at the same time, "Um didn't we fight together as one just a few days ago?"

In a blink of an eye, Lele had evaded three swinging stomping attacks from the monstrous giant as she protested, "I mean the very last time that we have grouped together to form the Celestial Star Formation!"

Lie Qing stroked her long flowing hair aside as she surrounded herself with ten hovering blue wisps, "Oh well, does this counts? The formation may be the Celestial Star Formation but our attacking strokes are still our own..."

A few days ago, Lele had hastily gathered them to form the Celestial Star Formation as she solemnly requested, "Sisters! Our opponents here may be too overwhelming for our martial strength to handle. If we don't buckle up, how are we going to help Yi Ping? We may even be a hindrance



to him!”

Lie Qing asked, “So what do you suggest?”

Yixian smiled gently, “You have a plan?”

Lele replied happily in anticipation to the question, “My two loving sisters! Yes, I do have a plan! We still have the Celestial Star Formation to practice and improved upon!”

Lie Qing almost gave Lele a kick as she moaned, “Not again!”

Lele gave her a hurtful look, “Sister Qing’Er, you don’t agree?”

She looked at the Celestial Fairy Yixian, “Sister Xian’Er, you too?”

Yixian smiled weakly, “Well I suppose we can try. If our opponents are stronger than us and with a defensive formation like the Celestial Star Formation to fall back upon, we can at least delay or buy our group some valuable time.”

Lele clapped her hands happily, “See! Even Sister Xian’Er likes my plan! Sister Qing’Er, what do you think?”

Lie Qing smiled weakly as she sighed softly, “Do I look like if I have a choice?”

Yixian took out a golden scroll that Lele had given them the last time as she said gently, “The Celestial Formation has a total of seven celestial levels. I am almost on the sixth level now.”

Lie Qing smiled weakly, “That is fast. I have not been practicing it. I am only on the forth level.”

Lele grabbed hold of Lie Qing and Yixian at the same time, “Don’t worry! I am already on the seventh level. Let me spearhead the Celestial Star Formation this time!”

Yixian asked curiously, “This time?”

Lele nodded as her eyes lit, “Right, right! The Celestial Star Formation used to be spearheaded by you. You are my eldest sister and Sister Qing’Er is my Second Sister. I am the last so I never have the opportunity to

initiate the Celestial Star Formation since I am the least experienced. But this time, it is different!”

Lie Qing was smiling weakly as she looked at Yixian, “Why is that I am anticipating a disaster to happen?”

Yixian had immediately realized the consequences of letting Lele to initiate the Celestial Star Formation that she quickly said, “Lele, the Celestial Star Formation is a defensive formation...you mustn’t be hasty and forget about it...”

It was because in a formation everything must be orderly and everyone must follow the leadership of the lead who was in charge of making changes to the formation!

And Lele was obviously not a defensive exponent who would quietly adapt her fighting style!

But Lele was not paying any attention as she was already planning how she was going to lead her sisters to glory after glory, victory after victory!

Lie Qing moaned with complete resignation, “Lele! Are you paying any attention or not?”

And back to the present, Lele had initiated the offensive part of the Celestial Star Formation as she said playfully, “The Four Aggregates Sword Formation is just so and so. Four does not mean better than three!”

The Ascension Goddess flashed past Lele as she moaned softly, “Are we fighting this monster together or are you dueling with us?”

Lele almost got distracted and got hit when she tried to speak as furious explosive impacts erupted around her that was caused by the towering giant, “Hey! Did you just lure the giant purposely to me?”

Yixian had stepped in the nick of the time, displaying the Absolute Defense Stance with her Icy Heavenly Divine Sword as she tanked a powerful punch that was directed at Lele!

But so great was the punch that Yixian had immediately taken seven steps back before she coughed out blood!

It was a lucky thing that this monstrous giant had taken a lot of damage from the earlier battle with the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Celestial Alice that its physical strength, movement and speed had effectively dropped by half or else the Celestial Fairy would not be able to survive this hit!

The same goes for Lele too!

If the attack speed of the monstrous giant did not slow down then it would not be possible for Lele to dodge the attack when she got distracted!

Yi Ping shouted panicky, “Xian’Er!” As he increased his martial power to swing his Celestial Alices at the towering giant!

Shen Xingyue muttered under her breath, “Holy crap! This fight has barely started and all our formations are now screwed up!”

Lingfeng, Yunzi, the Celeste Wind Maiden and Youxue had also joined in the battle; they were fighting alongside Yi Ping as they quietly watched over him!

Yunzi was reciting the Ley Negative Sword Energies and she was enveloped in deadly sword energies!

Yi Ping was startled at the level progression that was shown by Yunzi!

Even the Celeste Wind Maiden was startled by Yunzi as she said, “The Ley Negative Sword Energies of the Infinity Sword Celestial Clan is indeed impressive.”

Lingfeng whispered to Yi Ping, “Ping’Er, whether or not this is our last battle you mustn’t die!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Lingfeng...”

Youxue knew that Yi Ping was anxious about the outcome so she recited the opening verse of the Absolute Spirits to remind him that he must retain his composure at all times, “With heart as clear as ice, in absolute tranquil and iron will, clear the thoughts from all distraction!”

Yi Ping quickly composed himself as he said quietly, “Whether or not

we survive, my heart will never change for anyone of you...”

All of a sudden he could feel a renewal of his martial strength as his entire body began to shake!

When he had calmed himself, he had unconsciously awakened his Seventh Cosmos Heaven Eyes again hence he could feel the renewal of his martial strength!

Yunzi, Youxue and Lingfeng were startled by the powerful tingling energy aura around Yi Ping!

Yi Ping grasped tightly the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he tried to muster all his martial power once again, “Lele, Ye Yin...step aside!”

Lele and Ye Yin who were entangling the monstrous giant had heard Yi Ping; they quickly disengaged and at the same time Yi Ping had leapt forward as he struck the towering giant with a double slash of the Heavens Encompassing Stroke!

Immediately there was thunderous impact that exploded across the body of the monstrous giant!

As Yi Ping fell onto the ground, he was quickly grabbed by Yunzi, Youxue and Lingfeng and barely avoided getting hit!

Lele said happily, “Look! Yi Ping is able to hurt it!”

Lie Qing had just been knocked aside after she had given the monstrous giant several quick slashes, was shaking her head. “This thing seems to be protected by an inertia force that renders my sword energies useless against it. Even Ping’Er was not able to bring it down...”

Yi Ping coughed out blood as he wept bitterly, “It is no use...I am so useless. I am still not able to bring it down...”

Yunzi gasped breathlessly, “Ping’Er, don’t despair. Surely we will have a way...”

Youxue had leapt forward, “Let me distract it...”

Lingfeng nodded, “Let me help you too! I don’t believe that we cannot

bring this thing down!"

The Celeste Wind Maiden had already raised her divine sword forward as she joined Youxue to attack the monstrous giant!

The Universal Old Man called out from behind, "My Heavenness, no wait!"

He could only shook his head as he thought, "She has changed. She has never taken any unnecessary risks. We all know that the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary cannot be overcome simply by brute force. Alas..."

He was trembling as he struggled to exercise his remaining martial power!

The Goddess Aiel gasped, "What are you doing?"

The Universal Old Man ruefully replied, "I am so useless. I should be in front, fighting for everyone but instead I am here...I am one of the seven top ancient celestial fighters!"

All of a sudden Lady Winter Plum slapped him hard!

The Goddess Aiel, Jing'Er, Shi Shi, Han Lin, Yang Min and Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage who were at the back were stunned!

The Universal Old Man was even more stunned as he stared blankly at Lady Winter Plum, "Why did you hit me for?"

Lady Winter Plum said coldly, "You really think you are useless? I don't think so. Who the one that tanks for me and all the rest earlier? You have saved our lives and we all know that. It is time for you to take a little rest!"

Han Lin said tearfully, "Do think that I like to be at the back too? If I am not wounded by the Esper Formation earlier, I would surely go in front to take a swipe at that stupid monster to vent my anger!"

The Goddess Aiel muttered, "Han Lin..."

The Universal Old Man was clenching his face painfully, "Alright I understand now but...you don't have to slap me so hard..."

Lady Winter Plum was suddenly blushing shyly as she protested, “If I don’t slap you hard enough then how do I know if you will wake up your senses?”

The shy expressions that were on Lady Winter Plum did not escape from the Goddess Aiel as she thought, “She likes him?”

Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage said all of a sudden, “Alas, I am so useless too...”

But instead of getting words of comfort, the Goddess Aiel and the Universal Old Man said at the same time. “Yes, you are so useless!”

All of a sudden Yi Ping gave a booming martial shout, “Ziyan! Maiden Gusu! Isa!” but before he could fully muster his martial strength, he had coughed out blood halfway!

Yunzi gasped panicky, “Yi Ping! Don’t force yourself!...”

All of a sudden there was an earthshaking implosion that shook the entire hall, startling everyone!

It was because someone had blown up a huge hole in the body of the monstrous giant!

“The Fifth Seal of the Astronomic Eulogy! Thirty-six Celestial Stems and Terrestrial Branches!”

Yi Ping was startled to hear this familiar voice; it was Maiden Ziyan!

Indeed it was Maiden Ziyan!

She had burst through the monstrous giant from its back!

Immediately the monstrous giant began to disintegrate into tons of sands right in front of everyone!

There was a sparkle of light that had suddenly appeared from the debris of the monstrous giant!

The Goddess Celestial Alice gasped softly as she fell onto the ground, “The Universal Harmonic Chain...”

She tried to stand but it seemed that she had already used up her very

last martial strength. No sooner had she tried to pick herself up, she had fallen onto the ground!

Behind her were the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa; they were all breathing weakly as they stumbled on the ground at the same time!

It seemed that at the very the last moment these three maidens had heard Yi Ping called out their names and they had made one desperate attack at the monstrous giant!

Yi Ping stumbled forward, "Ziyan, Isa, Maiden Gusu..."

The Goddess of Mercy was muttering incoherently, "...Yi Ping...Yi Ping..."

The Goddess Isa was also muttering feverishly, "...without you, we would be so happy...together...Alice...since...you don't cherish him...in the past...why can't...why you...he's mine..."

Suddenly there was a brilliant flare as the Universal Harmonic Chain flew straight into Lele before disappearing, stunning everyone!

The Goddess Celestial Alice was staring blankly at Lele, "...the Universal Harmonic Chain has...actually picked her...as its mistress?"

Lele was startled that everyone was suddenly looking at her as she protested weakly, "I...I didn't do anything..."

All of a sudden Lele could feel that her awareness seemed to have expanded considerably; she had attained the ninth staging of the Holy Pureness, the Unchained Melody!

Yunzi said coolly, "Well, this settles the ownership of this immortal artefact."

The Goddess Aiel was not slowed to react; she had quickly moved to assist the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa as she popped a pill into their mouths!

But when she had moved to the Goddess Celestial Alice to assist her, the Goddess Celestial Alice said weakly to her. "I don't need your help...I don't deserve it..."

The Goddess Aiel forced the pill into her mouth as she said quietly,

“This is not the time for arguments. I am not pitying you. I am also not belittling you. If you want to settle any score with me, at the very least you must recover your strength first.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice fell into silence. It was because the Goddess Aiel had once been punished by her and was stripped of her immortal divinity. She knew very well that the Goddess Aiel was actually one of kindest immortal practitioner in the Immortal Realm. Therefore for her own good she had decided find an excuse to banish her to the Celestial Realm so that she could stay clear of the immortal conflicts that were plaguing the Immortal Realm.

She muttered, “You don’t hate me...for banishing...you?”

The Goddess Aiel moaned softly, “Why should I? I quite like being your Celestial Priestess. You really think that I do not know that you have banished me for my own good? My dear Eternal Goddess, I think I am really in trouble this time round and have broken one of the most sacred rules of the Goddess Theocracy. Do you think you can really make an exception for me this time?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice muttered weakly, “You should have kept it hidden from me. You know that with my sacred oaths, I cannot make an exception for anyone, including for you...”

She paused briefly before continuing, “....but what it is? Maybe...I can make light punishments for you...”

At this moment Yi Ping had stumbled next to them as he kneeled besides her, “Maiden Ziyan... are you alright? I...have...finally found you...”

At this moment she had also noticed that the Goddess Aiel was flushing shyly when Yi Ping had suddenly shown up. She muttered, “Don’t tell me...”



# Chapter 156: Uneasy Truce

A sizable group of practitioners had gathered around a small bonfire that was lit in the middle of the winding passage.

The atmosphere was tense and they were all looking uneasy at each other.

“I...lie to you, I...lie about the Celestial Realm, I...lie about the Immortal Realm to all of you when we have first met in the Astronomic Stellar Formation...a dying person won't care much about their future attainment anymore, don't you agree too?”

“But I knew it...”

A delicate heavenly maiden with three pink petals on her forehead was looking melancholy at Yi Ping. She appeared to be hesitating as she held her golden and green silken robe tightly around her...

This heavenly maiden that broke the deadly silence was the Goddess Celestial Alice who was also the Eternal Goddess of the Goddess Theocracy.

She was impossibly forbidden to behold and her presence was equally intimidating.

But Yi Ping was able to hold his gaze as he looked gently at her, “Maiden Ziyan...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice said quietly, “Celestial Alice. That is my name.”

Yi Ping muttered softly, “Maiden Alice...”

She whispered softly as she looked at the mark on his forehead, “I knew it...that you are the Dark Cosmos Lord...”

Another forbidden heavenly maiden met the gaze of the Goddess Celestial Alice defiantly as she said coldly, “I know it better than you do. I know it no matter how much he has changed. Why can't you let him off? Have you forgotten that you are the one that had murdered him?”

This forbidden heavenly maiden was the Goddess Isa!

The Goddess Celestial Alice sighed softly as she looked intently at Yi Ping, “No, I didn’t. I did try to stop him. I couldn’t stop him...”

She lowered her gaze as she looked blankly for a while, “If I did manage to stop him then why do you think that I would be in the Astronomic Stellar Formation?”

When Yi Ping had remembered that Maiden Ziyang had tried to end her life, his emotions became distressed and a sharp pain could be felt in his heart as he asked. “Maiden Alice, why did you try to end your life that time?”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Ye Yin and everyone that was in the Astronomic Stellar Formation that time were all curious as well as they exchanged curious looks with one another!

Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Ye Yin who could sense the empathy of others far better than others were still not able to read the thoughts of the Goddess Celestial Alice.

The Goddess Celestial Alice remained unfathomable to them!

The Goddess Aiel was clearly shocked as she gasped, “The Eternal Goddess will actually try to end her life?”

Even the Goddess of Mercy was also shocked!

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly but from her startled expressions there were no denying that she was also shocked!

The Goddess Celestial Alice sighed softly, “I have thought that would be my ended destiny.”

She lifted her eyes to look at Yi Ping, “When I saw the Celestial Alice that is with you, I knew that he was no longer alive anymore. That is because he has made a promise to me that once he has accomplished what he is destined for, he will surely come to free me from the Astronomic Stellar Formation. I have been waiting for him for thousands of years for him to return. When I know that he is no longer around, I

have also lost my will to live...”

When Yi Ping had heard her, it was as though his heart had just been struck by a thunderbolt!

Han Lin, Lady Winter Plum, Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Jing’Er covered their mouths as their eyes watered. Maybe it was because they were more sentimental than the others.

But the other maidens, the Universal Old Man and Old Venerable Vanquishing Sage were also trying hard to suppress their emotions!

Was that what the mortals called undying love?

To be together unto death?

Yi Ping clenched his fists tightly as he began to tremble. Finally he interrupted her, “...is that why you want to end your life...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded slowly as she said, “By now, surely you have figured out my past. I don’t wish to lie to you anymore...”

The Goddess Isa could not resist adding, “To think that the Eternal Goddess would be capable of lying!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly, “At that time, I didn’t think of trying to further my practice anymore. I am...thinking of leaving a beautiful memory for myself.”

The Goddess Isa whispered hesitatingly, “Then what changes your mind?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice answered melancholy, “I am so close to losing my life then. Only when Yi Ping had grabbed my hand back then, only then did I realize that he is the reincarnation of the person that I have always been waiting for. But then it appeared to be too late for me...”

She closed her eyes as she recalled that fateful moment, “I was given a lending hand by my two Golden Kirins...”

The golden Kirin cub began to leap around the Goddess Celestial Alice!

Yunzi immediately said, “This...little Kirin belongs to you?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice patted the head of the golden Kirin cub as she smiled gently, "That is right. His name is Xiao Ping!"

The Goddess of Mercy almost choked when she had heard that and there were some giggles around Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was so startled to learn of the golden Kirin cub's name was the same as his that he turned flustered!

The Goddess Celestial Alice chuckled softly when she had seen Yi Ping's expression before she became solemn all of a sudden, "At that time I have thought that I was a goner. It was because I am in no condition to undertake my heavenly tribulation. But all of a sudden I have found the will to live again..."

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were examining her with startled expressions.

The Goddess Isa interrupted cautiously, "You have really overcome your heavenly tribulation? You have really advanced to the Seventh Cosmos Position?"

She was asking the obvious; she had heard previously that the Goddess Celestial Alice had already reached the forbidden level of the Seventh Cosmos Position but she wanted to hear it from her own ears.

The Goddess of Mercy took a glance at Yi Ping as she muttered, "Only the Dark Lord of the Chaos Cosmos has ever attained past the Greater Cosmos Positioning to the mystical Seventh Cosmos Positioning. Not even the Jade Emperor and the other thirty-three sovereign lords are able to accomplish this feat..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice lifted her eyes to look at them, "And I am the second now."

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were naturally not too happy to learn of it. It was because they both at the Greater Cosmos Positioning, the same as the Goddess Celestial Alice previously. But now she had actually elevated to a higher state of divinity than them so they were naturally displeased.

The Goddess of Mercy replied sarcastically, “Not for long, I am sure!”

Everyone else was smiling weakly at their squabbles. It was because they could see that the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were all extremely pale; their injuries were not light at all and they had literally just pulled themselves from the verges of death. If they were not practitioners of the Greater Cosmos Positioning and above which gave them a state that was similar to the Indestructible Body then the earlier battle would have shattered their bones!

Yi Ping was sighing softly as he said gently to the Goddess of Mercy, “Maiden Gusu...”

The lips of the Goddess of Mercy seemed to move a little but Yi Ping had already realized what she had wanted to say so he quickly said, “... Maiden Xiang’Er, you ought to take care of yourself and not be moved by negative emotions. Alright?”

The Goddess of Mercy immediately nodded submissively!

The Goddess of Isa was about to say something too when Yi Ping said gently to her, “Isa, do you think you can calm down too? Maybe we can hear Maiden Alice out first?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice looked shyly at Yi Ping; the flushes on her face were no mistaking to everyone!

She asked coyly, “Will you like to know why I am here or will you like to know about the Stellar Sanctuary? Or me?”

The last words of the Goddess Celestial Alice caught Yi Ping completely by surprise as he smiled weakly to consider.

The Heaveness Lingfeng coughed softly all of a sudden as she stared briefly at Yi Ping before saying, “Oh excuse me!”

She was not the only one who seemed displeased; Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue who were listening intently were displaying gloomy expressions on their beautiful faces!

The Universal Old Man was clearly in awe of the Goddess Celestial

Alice as he stammered, “Or the Immortal Practice...”

Even Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage seemed to have put aside his rivalry with the Universal Old Man as he stammered out, “Yes...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice replied coolly, “It is forbidden to reveal Heaven’s secrets to those that are not predestined. Even if I reveal it to you, your future attainments may well suffer.”

Almost immediately, the Universal Old Man, Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage, Youxue, Ye Yin, Lie Qing and Han Lin had a disappointing look on their face!

But the Goddess Celestial Alice smiled as she said unhurriedly, “Do not despair. I may not reveal the exact Divine Practice to you until you have awakened your Heaven Eyes or until you have reached the Immortal Realm but I can reveal to you the names of the divine stages.”

All of a sudden, everyone was muttering excitedly!

It was because the insight of the names of the divine stages was itself a great clue therefore it did not escape their notice!

Yi Ping was also mindful of the two phrases that were used by the Goddess Celestial Alice, the ‘Heaven Eyes’ and ‘until you have reached the Immortal Realm’.

He thought, “Is that a clue that we have to either awaken our Heaven Eyes or to reach the Immortal Realm before everything can be revealed to us?”

At the same time he had noticed that Yunzi, Ye Yin, Lie Qing and Yang Min were all looking at him; it was as though they seemed to be saying to him, “Yi Ping, did you hear that?”

The Universal Old Man grumbled, “It seems that the Goddess Celestial Alice is more magnanimous than the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy who seem reluctant to share anything...”

The Goddess Isa lifted her eyes to stare at the Universal Old Man before she interrupted coldly, “If you just want the names of the divine stages,

why didn't you ask earlier?"

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly as well, "Some people may have mouths on their face but they don't know how to use it other than eating and drinking. Some things are right in front of them but they can't see it. Even if the methods and intricate heart formulas of the Divine Practice are known to them, they can't see it."

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly, "There is no need to be so upset. It is just a casual remark..."

Lingfeng hummed coldly, "One of these days, your casual remarks will cause your downfall."

Yi Ping said quietly out of the blue, "In the past, the sages have given the people wise counsel on how to become one with the heavens and the earth but it seem that only a few are willing to listen."

All the maidens were looking at Yi Ping now. It was because they could see that he was very different now. That different was particular obvious from the moment he had awakened as the White Sage in the Stellar Sanctuary!

That did not escape the notice of the Goddess Celestial Alice because her next question to him was to ask, "You seem to be different now. Very different."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he continued to listen...

The Goddess Celestial Alice said, "And I don't mean just because you have awakened your Heaven Eyes, you are different now. You seem to be..."

She paused briefly to look at everyone, "...seem to be wiser now and not dense anymore!"

Lingfeng laughed softly as she teased Yi Ping, "He is also a martial prodigy!"

Shen Xingyue broke into a smile, "I have never heard of any practitioner that can advance as quickly as him either!"

Yixian nodded as she said gently, “Martial advancement and cultivation attainment are hard to progress at the same time. It requires a delicate balance.”

Youxue nodded. Her martial advances were phenomenal but the same could not be said for her cultivation attainment which had hit a wall!

Even though Yi Ping’s martial skills were weaker than her, he had advanced now to a point that he was now one of the most powerful celestial fighters in the Celestial Realm in a relative short time! At the same time, Yi Ping had awakened his Heaven Eyes and his state of divinity had breach one boundary after another!

Therefore if Yi Ping was not a prodigy, what was he?

The Goddess Aiel also chipped in, “However I am different, I wish that he will be dense...”

She looked shyly at all the other maidens before adding, “Then he won’t have so any troubles!”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Jing’Er chuckled softly!

Mei’Er said playfully, “I for one prefer the dense Master Yi Ping!”

Yu’Er laughed jovially, “Same here!”

It was because Yu’Er and Mei’Er had shared many adventures with Yi Ping and none at all with the White Sage!

Yi Ping began to rub his nose as he gave a long sigh, “Maybe...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled gently before she said, “You seem a little trouble. Maybe I can resolve it for you?”

Yi Ping was startled, “You can?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded, “You must be thinking why sometimes you seem to have flashbacks of another person and you have felt you are that person in the flashback because everything is so vivid. But at the same time you can’t remember anything else, am I right?”

Yi Ping was taken aback, “You know?”



He raised his trembling fingers as though he wanted to say something but he began to hesitate...

The Goddess Celestial Alice replied coolly, "You are you and not anyone so you don't have to bother with your past lives. I can tell you as a matter of fact that it is nearly impossible for anyone to have all the memories of their past lives. That is rule number one. Rule number two; it is possible to experience flashbacks of your past reincarnations only if you can still remember the intense emotions that you have felt back then. Rule number three, most people are incapable of visualizing a mental picture of their intense emotions. Only a few highly attained practitioners are capable of it and you are one of them."

All of a sudden Yi Ping became enlightened as he gasped, "I have got it!"

The intense emotions that he had felt for these maidens previously had caused him to have these flashbacks!

That only mean one thing; the White Sage and the Dark Chaos Lord must have felt intense emotions for these maidens at that time!

A feeling of intense regret, immerse remorse and an overwhelming helplessness to change circumstances!

His thoughts were interrupted by the Goddess Celestial Alice as she asked softly, "You have really got it?"

Yi Ping nodded with beaming eyes, "No wonder, there is a saying that a marriage is preordained for three lives..."

But he quickly kept quiet because he had noticed that all the other maidens were suddenly looking at him.

The Goddess Celestial Alice grasped her right shoulder painfully as she said weakly, "Really?..."

All of a sudden she smiled weakly as she looked at the Goddess Isa, "So all these years we have been fighting futilely?"

The Goddess Isa asked coldly, "What do you mean?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice looked at all the other maidens slowly,

“Surely you are not blinded to the obvious?”

The Goddess Isa began to give a melancholy sigh as she laughed coldly, “Maybe you are right. I have always thought that we are the one and only couple but he had passed on now. In the end, he belongs to no one. Isn’t it an irony that his present incarnation seems to belong to everyone?”

The Goddess of Mercy interrupted weakly, “That is your business and none of my business. I don’t care if he has already many other consorts. I intend to keep my pledge for him!”

The Goddess Isa muttered, “You...”

The Goddess of Mercy said matter of fact, “If you can’t put your past aside then there will be no future for you.”

The Goddess Isa took a glance at Alice...

Yi Ping asked of a sudden, “Maiden Alice, why are you here? I mean in this place?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice looked a little disappointed, “So that is your first question? Fine, I will answer it.”

The Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquishing Sage were also disappointed. It was because they were eager to learn more about the names of the various divine stages of the Immortal Practice than other matters.

But Yi Ping was in no hurry.

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled wryly, “I don’t know how you found this place but for me, it had taken me quite a while to find the entrance. Naturally the entrance that you have found may not be the same entrance as I have found. I was after the Universal Harmonic Chain. I have successfully divined that it is near the vicinity. Alas...”

She took a glance at Lele who quickly displayed an innocuous expression, “But alas, all my efforts are in vain. But I am not wrong about you. You have indeed shown yourself to have the potential to be an immortal practitioner.”

Lele could not hide her delightful expression when she had heard that, “Oh really? I must be someone special!”

Lie Qing immediately coughed weakly while Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess raised her eyebrows.

Yi Ping asked, “This Universal Harmonic Chain, is important?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded, “There must be a reason why the Universal Harmonic Chain is being drawn into the Stellar Sanctuary. As you can see, even the Stellar Sanctuary protects this immortal artefact by warding it in the Esper Formation. When you have arrived, I have managed to disable the Esper Formation and on the verge of seizing the Universal Harmonic Chain...”

She took a look at the Goddess Isa, “But the sudden arrival of your group has once again triggered the Esper Formation...”

The Goddess Isa was flustered as she lowered her gaze, “I am sorry, everyone...”

It was because she had almost killed everyone with her rash actions!

When the Esper Formation was re-activated, twelve hovering energy orbs sprang up from its epicenter and began to rain blue beaming energy bolts in all directions!

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and Yi Ping were the hardest hit because they were the closest to the epicenter!

The Goddess Celestial Alice looked at Yi Ping intently, “Why didn’t you evade the energy attacks?”

In a few blinks of an eye, she had witnessed Yi Ping raising his divine swords as he parried dozens of energy attacks!

That was almost an impossible feat because the high energy projectile was extremely violent and powerful but Yi Ping had endured until right to the very end when the Esper Formation had ended!

At that time she really did not think that Yi Ping would survive without any protection!

Yi Ping said, "If I were to evade then more of the energy projectiles would hit my companions behind me. I really don't want anyone to come to harm or to lose anyone here."

It was impossible for Yi Ping to block all the energy projectiles that were created by the twelve hovering energy spheres but he did his best to block all the direct energy projectiles!

It was the first time that everyone had experienced the Esper Formation and because it also just ended as quickly as it was activated quickly, no one other than the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa could really understand the agonizing sacrifice that what Yi Ping had done for everyone!

The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa had experienced the full impact of the Esper Formation and had gone under but Yi Ping had clearly persisted by not evading any of the energy projectiles!

The Goddess Celestial Alice muttered softly, "You may not be the original Dark Chaos Lord but your endurance and strength have clearly surpassed him!"

Even the Goddess Isa was nodding. It was because she had found it hard to believe also!

The Goddess Celestial Alice asked, "Can I feel your pulse?"

The Goddess Isa asked at the same time, "May I too as well?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he extended his hand forward, "I can't be compared to the Dark Chaos Lord..."

But no sooner had Yi Ping extended his hands to both of them, the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa were gasping at the same time!

The Goddess Celestial Alice gasped out shockingly, "Who are you?!"

The Goddess Isa was trembling as she took a step back, "You..."

The Goddess of Mercy was intrigued so she took the pulse of Yi Ping and she too, reacted shockingly, "Impossible...you..."

Yi Ping was startled by their reactions...

# Chapter 157: The Essential Righteous Energy

Everyone else in Yi Ping's group was also alarmed!

Yixian, Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Lie Qing, Youxue, Shi Shi, Yang Min, the Goddess Aiel, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lingfeng and Han Lin had all gathered around Yi Ping hastily to feel his pulses but they could find nothing wrong with him!

Yixian was secretly anxious as she looked gently at Yi Ping while feeling for his pulses, "Ping'Er, are you well?"

Lie Qing was also panicky as she quickly took his hand as she asked nervously, "Ping'Er, Ping'Er..."

She quickly turned to look at the Goddess Celestial Alice, "What's wrong?"

The Goddess Aiel was also startled by the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy but no sooner had she examined Yi Ping's pulse too, she gasped aloud and startling everyone!

Lele began to panic as well as she asked urgently, "What...what's...is wrong?"

The Goddess Aiel had turned ashen immediately as she stared blankly at Yi Ping, "I think that I am going to faint..."

Yunzi lost her composure when she had heard it and she began to tremble while Youxue took a shocking step backward!

Slowly the Goddess Celestial Alice composed herself as she looked weirdly at Yi Ping, "Who exactly are you..."

Yi Ping was really surprised by her question as he looked blankly at her, "Um?"

All of a sudden the Goddess Celestial Alice turned to look at the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy before she whispered secretly to them via the Great Divine Whisperer, "Did you feel it?..."

Yi Ping, the Goddess Aiel and the rest of the group did not know that the Goddess Celestial Alice was secretly whispering to the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy because she had used a secret immortal whispering skill. Unless she willed it, there was no way that the others would be able to eavesdrop on her!

The Goddess Isa was trembling as she utilized her Great Divine Whisperer to the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy, “It is really the...Pangu Intricate Energy and it is what we called the Essential Righteous Energy!...”

The Goddess of Mercy was also trembling as she whispered back, “The Arhat Practitioners also call it the Fantian Universal Force...between the elusive Heavens and the Earth, lies the primeval remnants of the Fantian Universal Force! But Alice is correct; it is the Essential Righteous Energy!”

The Goddess Isa whispered shockingly, “...whatever naming it is called, it is the ultimate creation force....”

The Goddess of Mercy began to shiver, “Only the Great God Fantian can possibly possess it. How is it possible for Yi Ping to be in possession of the Essential Righteous Energy? Is he...no...he is the real successor of the Great God Fantian?!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded slowly, “I suppose he really is...”

The Goddess Isa was stumped, “He has succeeded when not even the Dark Chaos Lord had succeeded? And he has not even reached the apex of the Stellar Sanctuary yet...”

The three of them were completely silence for a while as they began to contemplate quickly...

The one reason why the Stellar Sanctuary was all important to the immortals was because the first person that could reach to the very top would be able to become the true successor of the Great God Pangu/Fantian!

They all knew that this true successor would then receive the Essential Righteous Force that was the only thing that could withstand the

impassable divine calamities to reach beyond the Three Known Realms and to learn the secrets of the Divine!

The Three Known Realms were the Mortal Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Immortal Realm!

The Mortal Realm was a realm where the celestial practitioners hailed from. In the Mortal Realm, practitioners who were enlightened as a celestial practitioner defined their celestial fraternity as the Celestial Realm even though they had not ascended yet. This 'world' was a fraternity of celestial clans and celestial practitioners with the common goal of ascending to a higher realm!

This higher realm was actually the true Celestial Realm at which the Stellar Sanctuary had now descended!

At the boundaries of the Celestial Realm was the perilous great wilderness. And further beyond the perilous wilderness was the First Heavens of the Immortal Realm!

The Immortal Realm had altogether nine heavens, from the First Heavens to the Ninth Heavens and the immortal practitioners were populated in these heavens accordingly to their immortal attainment. While it was impossible for a lower attained immortal practitioner to reach the high heavens but a highly attained immortal may choose to be in the lower heavens.

Now the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Mercy seemed to have put aside their differences as they quickly exchanged conversations between themselves wordlessly.

That did not escape the notice of Yi Ping and the rest of the group as they could tell from their moving expressions!

Yi Ping was curious enough but he did not try to interrupt them to ask but had decided to wait patiently.

Han Lin however was impatient as she asked the Goddess Aiel, "Mistress, you are an immortal practitioner too. Can you tell us what they are discussing?"



Jing'Er and the Celeste Wind Maiden were also looking intently at their Celestial Mistress for the answers. It was because she had gasped out aloud earlier so surely she must have known the reasons?

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly as she looked at Yi Ping, "My attainment is not there yet to listen to their conversations. Moreover even if I have that attainment, it is impossible for me to eavesdrop if they did not want me to listen to them. However, more or less I have already guessed the reasons..."

Han Lin laughed jovially, "Quick! Hurry and share with us!"

Even Lele, Lie Qing, Youxue, Shi Shi, Youxue, Lingfeng and everyone else were all looking at the Goddess Aiel excitedly!

The Goddess Aiel felt uneasy at the attention that she was getting as she muttered softly, "Well..."

But before she could say anything more, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had all straighten up as they started to arrange their attire carefully and with moving eloquent!

Before Yi Ping or any others could second guess them, they had all humbled themselves to their knees as they offered their most respectful condolences. "Our humble respects to the Great God. Your faithful servants await your further instructions!"

They had all said it together, stunning Yi Ping and the rest of the group!

Everyone was stunned with disbelief that the three most powerful immortal practitioners in the Immortal Realm would suddenly fall to their knees!

The Goddess Aiel turned ashen immediately as she panicky bowed down to her knees beside the Goddess Celestial Alice to say, "My humblest respects to the Great God. Forgive me for my insolent. Your faithful servant awaits your further instructions!"

Han Lin stared blankly at the Goddess Aiel as she took a glance at Yi Ping at the same time, "Mistress, what is going on here?"

Even the Celeste Wind Maiden had a shocked expression!

Yi Ping had quickly regained his composure as he said panicky, "Please rise quickly. I am not a Great God or any God. Surely you must be mistaken..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice said with trembling voice, "We are not mistaken...you are indeed a Great God. You are the successor to the Great God Pangu!"

The Goddess Isa nodded, "Or else how do you explain the Essential Righteous Energy that is within you?"

The Goddess of Mercy agreed, "That is right..."

Yi Ping said exasperatedly as he helped them up, "Maiden Alice, Maiden Isa, Maiden Xiang'Er, Maiden Aiel...please rise first..."

It was only when Yi Ping had pleaded to them repeatedly and had helped them up, only then did they rise reluctantly!

The Goddess Aiel eyed suspiciously at the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, "Are the three of you trying to fulfill the prophecy? I am so dumb...I am one step too late..."

But the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy seemed to have made up their minds to keep it hush hush and refused to answer her!

Lele had overheard her and asked curiously, "What prophecy and what is this Essential Righteous Energy?"

Youxue asked, "What is this prophecy all about huh?"

Lingfeng was looking intently at Yi Ping as she thought, "He...is a Great God?"

Ye Yin was also looking at Yi Ping in disbelief as she thought, "I am right about him as the righteous person in my heart that will save me but...he is actually a Great God?!"

Shen Xingyue said angelically, "Is it a joke? It is not funny at all. Yi Ping is a Great God? He is nothing but a rascal!"

Lie Qing was the only one who smiled at her comments. At the same time she added, "Um, really not funny at all!"

It seemed to her that after going through several adventures with Yi Ping that she had seen and heard weirder things so she was taking this announcement with a pinch of salt.

Yixian said nothing but she was smiling to Yi Ping; as long as Yi Ping is well, she was content!

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were exchanging astonishing looks with each other!

Han Lin was grasping her trembling hands close to her bosoms...

Jing'Er looked at the ground quietly. All of a sudden she felt that the distance between Yi Ping and her had widened so much...

Suddenly two other maidens were by her side as they looked at her with equal sense of melancholy; it was Shi Shi and Yang Min!

Yunzi, Lady Winter Plum, the Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were all looking at Yi Ping and waiting for his reaction...

The Goddess Celestial Alice asked softly, "My lord, what is your next command?"

If Yi Ping was the Dark Chaos Lord, what would he say?

If he was the White Sage, what would his response be?"

Yi Ping said politely, "Firstly, be yourself and don't address me by any honorific titles. I am still the Yi Ping that you have all known. Secondly, I am interested to know more about this Essential Righteous Energy that you are all talking about. Why is it that I am not aware of it?..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice gave an alluring smile as she interrupted emotional, "This Essential Righteous Energy exists only within the fundamental constraints of the Stellar Sanctuary and it is often mistaken as the Universal Force. However any highly attained immortal practitioner would be able to distinguish it. As to how you have got it, I do not know. Do you remember the last time that we have met? I have used my internal energy to help you to calm the fiery energy of the Kirin blood.

I am sure that you did not have the Essential Righteous Energy back then.”

The Goddess Isa said weakly, “Thinking back, I am positive that it is your Essential Righteous Energy that had weakened the manifest artefact monster of the Universal Harmonic Chain. The manifest artefact monster of the Universal Harmonic Chain was protected by the artefact’s shielding powers. It may look like it was on the verge of collapse but it is not. When the manifest artefact monster hit point gets down, its defense will increase tremendously! This lures the unsuspecting practitioners to a death trap!”

When everyone had thought of that, they could only shiver!

Yi Ping had remembered that he had used the last of his martial strength to strike the manifest artefact monster and had thought that his attacks had ended up futile...

The Goddess of Mercy nodded slowly as she said, “That is a really close call. At that time, a mysterious strength seems to summon us again. We have heard you calling for us...we picked ourselves up and give the manifest artefact monster everything that we got. Even with the three of us combined, we did not harbor hope against such a terrifying monster...”

The Goddess Isa gave a melancholy sigh, “...but we did win. It is because your Essential Righteous Energy had temporary nullified the invincible defense of the manifest artefact monster!”

Now that the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa had explained it, the rest of the maidens had a sudden cold shudder!

It was because many of the maidens like Ye Yin and Lie Qing were too overconfidence of themselves!

Now that they had recalled the battle, they began to realize that if the battle became prolong, they would surely suffer defeat since the manifest artefact monster would never be tired!

Lingfeng gave a soft advice, “We ought to be more careful the next time. The trials of the Stellar Sanctuary are not to be overcome with raw

strength alone.”

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly as he thought, “Isn’t that what I have told her...”

But he had decided to keep it to himself.

Yi Ping clenched his hand into a fist as he said quietly, “Do you all still remember that after I have entered the Inner Stellar Sanctuary, I was almost struck down by a white lightning from the apparition of the Great God Pangu?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy were staring at Yi Ping in disbelief as they gasped at the same time, “What...is there such a thing?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice muttered, “That isn’t supposed to happen. The apparition is just an illusion of the past...”

All of a sudden the Goddess Isa said excitedly, “This is my first time to the Stellar Sanctuary so everything is new to me. Aiel, do you remember what the Great God Pangu had said before he vanished?”

The Goddess Aiel covered her mouth as she recalled with shock, “I remember. I remember! He said; You have finally come! Good, good, good! Perhaps this time round you will finally be able to succeed. As promise, this is what I have owed you. The next thing that we saw is a white lightning that was aimed at Yi Ping but it had disappeared just before it had struck him...”

Yang Min smiled, “That was the second lightning in fact. I almost got struck by the first lightning!”

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, “At that time I have made a joke to Aiel that it could be the Pangu Intricate Energy. It turned up to be true...”

Yang Min laughed softly, “What a lightning. Come to think of it, now I wish that I am being struck by it!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice muttered shockingly to herself, “Did it really happen? The Great God Pangu had actually given Yi Ping the most

powerful martial energy in the Three Known Realms. So it seems the Dark Chaos Lord had reached the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary but what had actually happened there? Did he really died...”

Lele had tapped Yi Ping on his shoulder as she smiled jovially, “So Great God Yi Ping, where should we proceed next?”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “Lele, don’t call me that...”

Lele began to wonder, “So if Yi Ping is the Great God, then I will be the Great Goddess Lele? Or the Great Joyful Goddess?...”

She was not paying Yi Ping any attention as she had turned around to ask Yixian and Lie Qing for their opinions!

But Yixian and Lie Qing were not paying Lele any attention either; that was because they were looking at Yi Ping and the look of their lovely eyes were beaming with pride for him!

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, “If my protégé is a Great God, then I am the master of the Great God. What an honor, what an honor!”

Lady Winter Plum was smiling to herself, “I am not going to let you go. I am content to be just your wife...”

Yi Ping had turned to the Goddess Celestial Alice to say, “Maiden Alice, I have a favor to ask. I hope that you will accede to my request.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, “My lord, please say.”

Yi Ping stammered for a while because he had an impossible request, “I...I am not any lord...do you think that you can forgive Isa and Maiden Xiang’Er for entering the Stellar Sanctuary and other transgressions?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice gave him a gentle nod, “If you say so, so shall it be.”

Yi Ping was delighted that she would agree so readily, “Real...really? Thanks!...”

He paused for a while before he asked shyly, “Can I address you as Ziyan?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled gently, "If that is what you want, I am perfectly happy with it."

She was delightful too. It was because she knew that she had a place in his heart!

Yi Ping was not flirting with her by any normal standards. It was because he was not a lustful man. He was sincere in making friends with all that he had met.

By now, all his consorts had already known him inside up. They were all celestial practitioners and had long put aside any feelings of envy with each other.

Moreover many of the maidens had gone through many life and death experiences together with Yi Ping and for that they had earned deep grudging respects for one another!

Instead they knew that if they wanted to be with Yi Ping, they had to overcome their own divine calamities. It was not easy and failure to do so would mean instant death!

Therefore they had only one purpose; to strive to be an immortal!

By mortal standards, they now seemingly had a long life but as celestial practitioners, this 'long life' actually passed quickly. Unless they had a breakthrough each time, they would perish. They were aware that injuries caused by the Divine Calamities were permanent and would affect their next Divine Calamity. To this end, they had prepared endlessly!

All of a sudden Yi Ping had turned pale when a thought jolted him, "You...are willing to break your oaths for me...if it means that you will be sacrificing yourself, I don't want it. I want you to live a full life..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled gently, "The oaths that I have made are to the Great God Pangu. You still don't get it, do you?"

Yi Ping had a bewildered look on his face as he enquired, "Huh?"

She smiled alluringly as she winked at him, "You are the Great God

Pangu himself! You are his incarnation!”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded, “That is right! There is only one Great God and that is you!”

Yi Ping was startled as he protested immediately, “That is impossible. I am so weak...”

The Goddess of Mercy said coyly, “Weak? I don’t think so. The Great God Pangu is meant to experience the tribulations of everything. In future, you will definitely be the most powerful immortal and you will dwell in the most high, the Eternal Realm!”

Yi Ping could only smile bitterly, “If I don’t get killed first. Maiden Xiang’Er...”

He turned to look at the Goddess Isa, “Isa...I hope the two of you will also put aside your differences with Maiden Alice. Is that possible?”

Their enmities ran deep and Yi Ping hoped that they would be able to put aside their vendetta with each other...

But to his surprise both the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy nodded and said at the same time, “Why not?”

The Goddess Aiel was laughing softly, “Don’t worry. They would surely put their differences aside.”

Yi Ping had a puzzled look on his face!

The Goddess Aiel said playfully as she stole a glance at them, “There is an ancient prophecy of the Goddess Theocracy. It is said that when the Great God Pangu has finally descended again and become the Sovereign Lord of the Three Known Realms, he will partition the Three Known Realms to the first three that are able to recognize him before he is known. They will be his consorts and they will rule the Immortal Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Mortal Realm on his behalf.”

Han Lin asked, “Erm...what a weird prophecy. What if the first three are men? Would it be weird if they become his consorts?”

Lingfeng laughed softly as she tried to suppress the tears in her eyes,



“There are certain places where the master has men as his consorts...”

Yi Ping smiled miserably, “Lingfeng, that is not funny...”

The Goddess Aiel had a mysterious smile on her as she said coquettishly, “Why do you think the reason the majority of the immortal maidens would rather practice alone and not find a partner? It is because they are hoping that one day they would be a consort to the Great God Pangu. The chance is slim but they are not giving it up!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice growled softly, “Aiel, you are getting out of your place. Have you forgotten that I am the Eternal Goddess of the Immortal Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Mortal Realm? Do you think I will hunger after the temptations of power?”

The Goddess of Mercy was also protesting shyly, “I...I am the sectarian leader of my own immortal clan. Why do I care about being the ruler of the Celestial Realm or the Mortal Realm?”

The Goddess Isa was also protesting weakly as she looked at Yi Ping, “Hmph! I am sticking with Yi Ping. He is the incarnation of the Dark Chaos Lord. I don’t care for the Great God Pangu or whatever!”

All of a sudden Lie Qing had cuddled Yi Ping as she invited looks of jealousy from the rest of the maidens, “Whatever you do, I ought to remind you that the rest of Yi Ping’s consorts are not invisible. Even if Yi Ping were to agree, we have not given our permission yet!”

Ye Yin was fingering her Despairing Heavenly Divine Sword as she laughed alluringly, “Lie Qing, I have to agree with you.”

The Goddess Isa said coldly, “You are trying to take advantage of our dire situation to bargain with us?”

Shen Xingyue had also stepped in as she smiled angelically, “That’s right. So what? With the present condition of the three of you, it does not take any effort to crush anyone of you!”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly, “We...we are on the same side, right?”

Lie Qing interjected with a sly smile, “Who is on your same side? You just barge in and interrupt our personal space with Yi Ping. Now it is payback time!”

Lele was not sure what was going on but she sensed a fight and she did not want to miss it, “I...am the Joyful Goddess...um....wait...I haven’t thought of my new immortal title yet...”

Yixian simply stepped aside!

Yu’Er asked, “Mistress, you are not helping them?”

Mei’Er was already fingering her sword as she asked, “Sister Qing’Er is right. They are extras and not part of our original group. We should teach them a little lesson!”

But Yixian simply smiled as she cautioned them, “Let’s wait a little longer first. Let us adopt a wait and see approach.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice laughed softly as she winked at the rest of the maidens, “Don’t be silly. We may not lose and there are more than three of us.”

Shen Xingyue hummed coldly, “What do you mean?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice said coolly, “Aiel, come over my side with your followers.”

The Goddess Aiel muttered softly as she took a glance at Shen Xingyue, “Don’t look at me like this. I am the High Priestess of the Goddess Theocracy in case you have forgotten.”

She called out, “Han Lin, Jing’Er, Xiao Qian. Come over here!”

Han Lin took a glance at Yi Ping as she protested weakly, “I...don’t want...oh never mind!”

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, “And one more. Alice, you remember Ishtar?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded as she looked gently at Yixian the Celestial Fairy, “I have never forgotten her.”

The Goddess Isa clapped her hands, "Good! Sister Yixian, you ought to join us because your previous incarnation is the Goddess Ishtar and you are one of us! Including Ishtar, now we have eight on our side!"

Yixian smiled weakly but still she did not make a move!

Lele began to panic as she looked at Ye Yin, Lie Qing and Shen Xingyue, "We only have four?!"

She turned to look at Shi Shi, Yang Min, Youxue, Yunzi, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Yixian, "Sisters, come and lend us a helping hand!"

Yunzi and Youxue were smiling but like Yixian, they did not make any move!

Yi Ping had stepped in panicky, "Wait cool it everyone. There is no need for any fight..."

Lie Qing laughed jovially, "Ping'Er, this time you should step aside. Every harem has its own pecking order. We are establishing an order for you!"

Ye Yin smiled, "That is right. What better day other than today to decide things?"

Shen Xingyue was tapping her foot lightly. Everyone knows that her speed attacks were deadly and unfathomable.

She said, "Right, right. Four versus seven, eight? No matter, we may not lose!"

Han Lin protested immediately as she fingered her Green Dragon Divine Sword, "Hey, hey! I am not weak. It is just that I am lazy to fight. Do you think that I am afraid of you?"

Shen Xingyue smiled coldly, "You didn't do too well in the fight versus the manifest artefact monster. Is that already the best of your abilities?"

Han Lin began to fluster, "No! Hey, you didn't do too good against my protégé brother Chu Mingfan, am I right?"

Shen Xingyue replied coldly, "Don't mention that wicked person!"

Han Lin hummed coldly, “There is no denying that you have lost to him!”

The Goddess Aiel was groaning coldly, “We are weak? I don’t think so. Don’t forget that in the Ascension Sect I am known as the Sagess Ai. Even the Lord Supreme isn’t my match!”

The Celeste Wind Maiden was caught in the middle as she smiled weakly to herself, “It is the first time that I have seen Aiel so provoked. It is not a good thing. But...”

She began to smile to herself, “Finally I have a chance to duel with Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess, one of the top seven fighters of the Celestial Realm. I have heard that you are quite difficult to beat. Today your invincible legacy will end...”

Ye Yin immediately replied coldly to the Goddess Aiel, “But I have never heard of the Lord Supreme losing to you either. Don’t think that you are our elder we will show mercy toward you. Fat hope!”

Yi Ping was dazzled by their conversations as he raced from one to another to prevent them from fighting. But no sooner had he raced to one, fury words would start from the other!

This goes on for some time...

Finally Yi Ping gave a loud martial shout out of frustration, “Stop! Stop it!”

All of a sudden there was a dead silence...

Lele was the first one that broke the silence as she said with woeful expressions, “Ping’Er, did you just shout at me?”

Yi Ping said panicky, “Uh...no...sorry...”

Lie Qing said melancholy, “Ping’Er, you have never shouted at us before but for a new attraction, you are willing to abandon your old?”

Ye Yin was also saying, “Ping’Er, have you forgotten that we have shared the same bed?”

Yi Ping had turned completely flustered as he said weakly, “I...”

The Goddess Aiel and the Celeste Wind Maiden had an astonished look on their faces. It was because they had suddenly realized that these maidens were really good in playacting and getting sympathies!

It did not fail to escape notice from the Goddess Celestial Alice as she quickly said, "So is there anyone still interested to know more about the Divine Practice?"

Immediately everyone began to crowd around the Goddess Celestial Alice excitingly, leaving Yi Ping stumped by their sudden animosity to sudden friendliness!

Yi Ping muttered, "Women are complicated..."

# Chapter 158: The Divine Practice

The atmosphere was tense as everyone was looking intently at the Goddess Celestial Alice and waiting eagerly for the secrets of the divine to be revealed!

Everyone was feeling excited and they had crowded around the Goddess Celestial Alice in a circular seating arrangement!

Yi Ping, the Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were suddenly feeling hot despite the level of their internal strength training. It was because they had found themselves jostling next to so many extraordinary beautiful maidens!

Lady Winter Plum was clinging close to the Universal Old Man as she murmured softly, "Excuse me..."

The Universal Old Man was flustering because he had suddenly noticed that he had body contact with her bosoms and he was looking at the same target as Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage!

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage was not only cuddled by these heavenly maidens, he had also a good eye view of the Goddess Aiel who was clad revealingly.

He found himself drooling...

Yi Ping was not faring better than them; he was cuddled tightly by Yu'Er and Mei'Er but by now he had already gotten used to it. The reason why he was flustering was because he was looking at Alice up close. Even her extremely pale complexion that was caused by her grievous injuries could not hide her astonishing beauty and peerless elegance!

Lingfeng and Ye Yin were obviously displeased to see the current expressions on these three men!

Lingfeng said coldly, "I wonder what is going on in the minds of these three dirty old men?"

Lele protested immediately, "Yi Ping isn't old!"

The Goddess Aiel gasped as she quickly closed up her legs and crossed her arms over her bosoms, “Don’t look...”

Her skirt was really too short and her silken bodice was too transparent!

Shen Xingyue said coolly, “Don’t put Ping’Er in the same league as them. If he thinking dirty, he would surely have nosebleed but he is not...”

But no sooner had she said that, Yi Ping had a sudden nosebleed when he had noticed Aiel!

Ye Yin was displeased, “It seems that someone has his imagination ran wild too.”

The Universal Old Man and Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage quickly made a feeble quick protest, “We didn’t...”

The Universal Old Man said with a straight face, “I am a highly cultivated Ancient Celestial...”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage smiled weakly, “Same here...”

Yi Ping was flushing so red that he began to stammer, “I...I...”

Youxue said coldly, “Why are all the men here turning into eunuchs all of a sudden?”

Mei’Er laughed jovially, “Because....because they are all so simple minded!”

Yu’Er joined in the tease merrily, “Um! I got it. Men are simple minded!”

Ye Yin muttered softly, “I never have fondness of men, you know. I have seen too many men who are willing to sacrifice their pride, dignity and even their love ones to advance themselves. They only know how to bully women...”

Lie Qing almost choked when she had heard that, “Like real. I remember that you have used the Forget Affection Wine on Yi Ping. Just who is bullying who?”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage was startled, “What? You have given the Forget Affection Wine to him? Is there any leftover...”

The Forget Affection Wine was extremely precious and had the added effect of refining the practitioner's internal energy. It was so precious that not even the elders of the Holy Ascension are able to savor it.

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess was suddenly flushing shyly, "Go ask Yi Ping and the Celestial Fairy. They have finished it!"

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage gulped his own saliva as he turned to look at Yi Ping and Yixian who had suddenly turned extremely rigid when they had remembered that embarrassing night...

More so for the Celestial Fairy because she had lost her first time to Yi Ping that night. But she was also beaming with happiness when she had recalled that night...

She turned to smile at Yi Ping, "Ping'Er..."

Yi Ping quickly answered gently, "Xian'Er, yes?"

But Yixian simply continued to smile gently at him, "Ping'Er, Ping'Er, my Ping'Er..."

Everyone could see from her sparking golden eyes, all her love and affections for Yi Ping...

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess was grinning at him, "We didn't have any private time for a long time. Do you think you want to have a little drink with me?"

Yi Ping was already flustered and only more so now when he noticed Yixian and Ye Yin were looking at him. But at the same time, he was also delighted even though he knew that this was not the appropriate time to think about the matters of the heart.

But he was human after all...

Lie Qing laughed shyly as she noticed that Yi Ping were completely mesmerized by Yixian and Ye Yin, "I guess...I have to work harder now. What do you say, Sister Youxue and Sister Lingfeng?"

Youxue simply smiled, "I think that is a lovely thing..."

She was thinking of her own time with Yi Ping...



The Heaveness Lingfeng gave an alluring look before replying, “Don’t drag me in. I just want to kick him! Or else he would feel he will feel too lucky and forget his place! Hmph!”

Yi Ping had heard her and he quickly replied, “Lingfeng, you have been kicking me since day one. You forget that you are the Heaveness now. How unbecoming of you...”

Lingfeng raised her thin eyebrows as she expressed a pretended shock look, “Hmph! Holy Maiden or Heaveness, I will never grow tired of kicking you. Not now, not ever!”

She lifted her fingers to snap once before she broke into an alluring smile at Yi Ping which caused him to sudden go wobbly, “You...since day one, you have been following me like a pest. If you are not asking for a kick then why are you following me?”

Yi Ping knew that he would never be able to win an argument over her. So he just smiled bitterly!

All of a sudden the Goddess Celestial Alice was giggling and there was hint of tears in her eyes.

Her laughter was infectious that even the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were also smiling!

She asked, “Are you all always like this? It is so interesting. You must really share with me all your interesting stories. I will like to know all the tiniest details!”

Yi Ping said awkwardly, “I will surely tell you if you really would like to know. But maybe not down to all the tiniest details...”

He was now flushing so red that all the maidens, including the Universal Old Man and Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage were all laughing jovially much to his embarrassment!

All of a sudden Alice became solemn as she said, “I really want to experience this love...”

But she quickly changed the conversation by saying, “You know, it is

really unthinkable for any immortal maidens to share the same man yet all of you seem to be able to get so well? That is because the Dual Celestial is between one man and one woman. There is no multiple Dual Celestial. Or else I would not have fought with Isa...”

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, “That is all in the past now.”

Yunzi looked tenderly at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “Thank you! Or else I would not be able to be reunited with Yi Ping in the Stellar Sanctuary. But I have a question. Didn’t the Goddess Aiel says that the Great God Pangu will have three consorts to share the Three Known Realm with him?”

Yang Min was about to ask the same question too but since Yunzi had taken the initiative to ask, she was glad.

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled shyly, “That is the flaw with this prophecy because it is unthinkable for most of the immortals. Whoever the Great God Pangu chooses to Dual Celestial with, that maiden will be very lucky. But come to think of this...”

She began to look tenderly at Yi Ping as she continues, “...who knows what the Great God Yi Ping has for us?”

Yi Ping immediately protested weakly, “I...am not a Great God!”

She smiled, “Maybe not now but in future, you will be.”

Shen Xingyue hummed coldly, “Like father, like son!”

The Goddess of Mercy immediately asked curiously, “What do you mean?”

Shen Xingyue said angelically, “Maybe the Immortal Realm don’t practice polygamy but it is common in the Mortal Realm. Take the father of the White Sage for example, he has three wives and nine concubines!”

Shen Xingyue was the only one that knows the White Sage family history intimately. It was because they were supposed to be engaged to each other...

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “My real father, is faithful to my mother...”

Shen Xingyue whispered, "But you don't really look like the faithful one..."

Yi Ping smiled even more bitterly, "I have thought that we are hearing about the Divine Practice..."

All of a sudden he had noticed that Alice/Ziyan was looking extremely weak so he panicky said, "Maybe we can let Maiden Ziyan have a little rest first..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly, "No, I am alright. You don't have to worry."

She inhaled softly before saying, "As celestial practitioners, there are altogether nine tribulations to overcome..."

Immediately there were mutterings from the group as puzzled looks were exchanged!

It was because they were all taught that there were just seven celestial divinities to overcome before they could ascend as full Celestials!

Genesis, Enlighten, Emotion, Transverse, Seventh Sense, Crisis and Ascend...

Yunzi was the first to say, "No, she's right. There are indeed nine tribulations to overcome. We have forgotten about the first tribulation which is the Divine Calamity that we have to first overcome..."

Yixian nodded gently as she said woefully, "And the ninth tribulation is just after the Ascend, just after we have ascended to the Celestial Realm!"

At the same time there were many woeful expressions from the group as they recalled their own experiences when they had ascended to the Celestial Realm...

Shi Shi and Yang Min were particular upset when they remembered their own experiences when they had finally ascended. They had thought that it would be just the start of a whole new celestial experience in the Celestial Realm but instead the Celestial Realm was to become their nightmares...

Yi Ping was trembling lightly when he had recalled their hallowing experiences and how he had almost lost everyone...

The Goddess Celestial Alice continued, "Some practitioners have it easy for the first and the ninth tribulation while some others have it hard. It doesn't change the fact that it is still a divine tribulation to be overcome. All the nine heavenly tribulations are equally perilous. Any misstep along the way is fatal!"

Yi Ping nodded at this understanding as he absorbed this knowledge eagerly!

She continued with deliberate, "The real celestial practice will only begin after a practitioner has first overcome the Divine Calamity. Basically a practitioner has to prove that they would be worthy to be a celestial practitioner. This may be the first of the heavenly tribulation but many who have failed are also the strongest in their generation."

Yi Ping sighed softly, "That is right. Strength has nothing to do with overcoming the Divine Calamity."

The heart intricate skills of the various clans were an initiation to be a celestial practitioner. If they fully grasped the higher state of divinity present in their intricate heart formula skills then they would have overcome their Divine Calamity after a short time.

In that forgotten time before the Great Descendant, numerous celestial clans had thrived in the Mortal Realm. In that forgotten time, Yi Ping's previous incarnation the White Sage was from that era!

But after the Great Descendant which witnessed the destruction of the majority of the celestial clans, the few remaining celestial clans had chosen to cut their ties with each other and from the rest of the mundane fraternity or disguising their clans into martial clans.

In time, the secret celestial clans were to embark on their own limited knowledge to overcome the Divine Calamity.

Without interaction with the other celestial clans, many of the practitioners embarked on a false belief that might were right, triggering

their Divine Calamities only when their martial levels reached the peak.

Without fighting other worthy exponents, without killing, without bullying...how many of the hopeful celestial practitioners could reach the peak of perfection of their martial skills?

But they did not know that it took great restraint not to abuse their martial skills. The Divine Calamity was a heavenly wrath that too, would restraint if they restraint. But if they did not, not many would be able to overcome the Divine Calamity.

Many had perished in this manner without understanding the reason why...

Or they were turned into Dark Celestials...

The Celestial Fairy Yixian and the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing were thinking of their own experience when they had first faced the Divine Calamity for the very first time...

Shen Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix managed a weak smile as she eyed Yi Ping while thinking, "Ping'Er do you know that when you are the White Sage, you have overcome the Divine Calamity effortlessly?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice calmly explained the Divine Calamity to them.

She added, "There is another Divine Calamity called the Great Descendant; it is when the opposite is true. It is the only time that Dark Celestials can hope to ascend to the Celestial Realm and when celestial practitioner can kill another celestial practitioner without incurring Heaven's wrath and without turning into Dark Celestial."

Yi Ping heaved a long sigh...

It was because many of the maidens that he had known now had actually perished during this dark period...

The Celeste Wind Maiden said quietly, "In the Celestial Realm, even without any Great Descendant, the Dark Celestials and the Golden Celestials have been fighting for supremacy for an unknown time.

Nowadays, many of the celestial clans are actually a mix group.”

She shivered a little.

It was because the Golden Celestials had always been wary of the Dark Celestials. But the Celestial Mistress alias the Goddess Aiel had taken her in.

She used to be a Dark Celestial and she had often wondered about her fate, “Can a Dark Celestial cultivate as an immortal practitioner?”

She smiled coldly. From what she could see now, the Immortal Realm was equally as messy as the Celestial Realm with its own intrigues.

Alice said quietly, “In whatever divinity a practitioner will choose eventually, be it as a Golden Celestial or a Dark Celestial, they would be able to attain as an immortal practitioner. But it is better to cultivate as a Golden Celestial than a Dark Celestial. It is because the path of a Dark Celestial is far too hard and not many can hope to ascend to the Celestial Realm.”

Yi Ping nodded, “Indeed...”

But he was thinking, “Unless the timing is wrong...”

It was because the Heavens balanced between good and the dark continuously. During the Dark Descendant, it was the Dark Celestials that were thriving. Woes to the orthodox celestial practitioners that found themselves on the wrong side during this time...

Alice nodded as she continued, “After the first heavenly tribulation of the Divine Calamity is overcome and the practitioners transcend as Celestials, they would be able to overcome the limitation of life and death. And as Celestials, they have to overcome seven stages of celestial divinities, Genesis, Enlighten, Emotion, Transverse, Seventh Sense, Crisis and Ascend in order to transcend to the Celestial Realm. Each of these divine stages has a lower, medium and upper tier.”

Yi Ping and his group nodded as they muttered among themselves. Indeed that was what they had known.

“Genesis is the initiate awakening and the start of your Divine Practice.”

“Enlighten is when you finally realized the separation between heaven and the earth, reaching enlightenment and opening yourself to further cultivation.”

“Emotion is cosmos loneliness and it is the stage that is the most difficult to overcome for the emotional mortals.”

“Transverse it the limitation of your physical body. Overcoming it gives you enhance speed and endurance.”

“The Seventh Sense is the awakening of your seventh sense and your innate sense. It is also difficult. A long period of peaceful meditation is required to overcome it and it can also drive many practitioners to insanity.”

Shi Shi, Jing’Er, Yang Min, Lady Winter Plum, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue nodded slowly.

They had witnessed many of their fellow celestials succumbed to a change of personality or insanity in this stage. This was a divine stage that opened the practitioners to hallucinations as they tried to awaken their seventh sense...

“Crisis is the time when the practitioner has to overcome the Divine Calamity again. But this time, the Divine Calamity is many times more powerful and it will occur three times. It is because at this point of time the practitioner is attempting to overcome Heaven’s limitations on them to ascend to the Celestial Realm. At this point of time the Divine Calamity will find any opportunity to stop the practitioner. After overcoming the divine stage of Crisis, the eyes of the practitioner will turn to gray. It is the sign of the darkness before the light.”

Again many in Yi Ping’s group that had overcome the divine stage of Crisis previously began to shudder. Many of the high level celestial practitioners had actually perished at this point because they had expended their martial strength or were injured during a confrontation; it was because their enemies would surely come to disrupt them during this divine crisis and to prevent them from reaching the Ascend Level!

Therefore most of the practitioners would rather live in isolation and be on their alert for any sign of the Divine Calamity. Once this divine sign had taken place, they knew that they had only seven days to prepare for it!

“After overcoming the Crisis Level, the practitioner will finally attain the Ascend Level. At this point of time, they will be very close to ascending as True Celestials to the Celestial Realm. At the middle tier of the Ascend, the eyes of the practitioner will slowly lit up and finally become golden at the upper Ascend Level. After overcoming a final Divine Calamity, only then will the practitioner began the final ascension to the Celestial Realm!”

Everyone shuddered when they had recalled the Divine Calamity. It was never easy and no matter how powerful they were, the Divine Calamity would always test them to their limits!

She added, “The heavenly tribulations for these seven divine stages can take many forms and the practitioners have to exercise caution at all times. Finally the last major heavenly tribulation will take place after the celestial practitioner has transcended to the Celestial Realm.”

Yi Ping suddenly asked, “So there are nine major heavenly tribulations? But if we discount away the first and the ninth heavenly tribulations, there are actually twenty-one tribulations to overcome because each of the celestial stage has three tiers.”

Alice smiled, “That may be right for the celestial practitioners. But we the immortal practitioners are looking at time from a different perspective. To us, we consider the celestial stage as one major heavenly tribulation to overcome over a period of time.”

Yi Ping was enlightened as he clapped his hands, “I got it!”

Everyone was excited now because they knew that the Goddess Celestial Alice was going to explain to them the Immortal Practice soon enough!

The Universal Old Man however had grown impatient as he stammered, “The Immortal Practice is the next thing that all the True Celestials are seeking all these years but it had remained elusive. We don’t even know if



we are practicing it the correct way. Only a hundred or so of the Ancient Celestials are left in the Celestial Realm now...”

Alice gave him a comforting smile before saying, “To become an immortal practitioner, you have to reach the Pure Golden Eyes stage. Before the Ascend, the eyes of the celestial practitioner will turn grey. After the Ascend, the eyes of the celestial practitioner will turn golden. That is the sign of attainment.”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage stammered, “Does it mean that the Ancient Celestials have been practicing wrongly?...”

The Universal Old Man was also stammering, “There are five to the divine stages of the Ancient Celestials; the Crimson Level, Gray Level, Golden Level, Green-Golden Level and the Red-Blue Level!”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage, the Universal Old Man and the Heaviness were all at the Red-Blue Level now.

In normal circumstances, the Ancient Celestials had normal golden eyes but they were able to use their internal strength to change the colors of their eyes. By doing so, their martial strength would also increase.

After the Green-Golden Level, they were able to revert the colors of their eyes to their original self and could disguise their own divinity. That was something that the current Golden Celestials were not able to accomplish.

However even so, they knew that this special latent ability of the Ancient Celestials was not the real Immortal Practice!

Alice nodded gently but she had an amused smile, “Judging by the names of the divine stages, it seems that the Ancient Celestials have found a secret way to initiate the secrets of the Heaven Eyes.”

The Universal Old Man gasped, “So that is the purpose...I didn’t know...”

Alice stole a glance at the Goddess Aiel, “Aiel, is that you who leak the Unifying Mystical Intricacy Eyes Formula of the Goddess Theocracy to the celestial practitioners?”

The Goddess Aiel turned ashen immediately as she fell on her knees in fright, “Forgive me! At that time I have accidentally revealed the Unifying Mystical Eyes to the celestial practitioners. Because I don’t want to let them know that I am an immortal practitioner, I have taught them the Unifying Mystical Eyes. In no way did I ever reveal any other immortal secrets...”

Han Lin, Jing’Er and the Celeste Wind Maiden turned pale immediately!

Han Lin panicky defended her, “Our mistress only knows how to nap, drink, eat...she has never taught us anything useful...”

Yi Ping quickly pleaded to Alice panicky, “Alice, please don’t punish Aiel. She doesn’t mean it...”

The Goddess Aiel was moved by Yi Ping’s gesture but she insisted, “No, I know that I really shouldn’t have done that...”

At the same time the Universal Old Man and Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage were also saying panicky, “Forgive Aiel. She only meant well...”

Alice said coolly to Aiel, “Indeed. You really shouldn’t have done that. But who says anything about punishing you?”

Yi Ping was relieved to hear that as he helped Aiel up.

Aiel heaved a soft sigh of relief...

But Alice said coolly, “But do you know that because you have taught the Unifying Mystical Eyes to the Ancient Celestials, it actually does more harm than good? It is because it is after all, still an immortal skill. It will be a difficult skill to begin for many and those who have problems having breakthrough in this skill may find their future attainment affected...”

The Goddess Aiel was flushing now. It was because she had never thought of that before. She was original an immortal practitioner and her Heaven Eyes was awakened by default. The Unifying Mystical Eyes Skill was just a mean for her to understand her Heaven Eyes better and to advance it!

When she was banished to the Mortal Realm, she had found it

convenient to use the Unifying Mystical Eyes Skill to gain temporary burst of martial strength to compensate her loss of her Heaven Eyes...

The Goddess Isa was staring blankly at the Goddess Aiel in disbelief, “You...oh heavens! I can’t believe that you have actually ruined the entire generation of celestial practitioners...”

Even the Goddess of Mercy almost fainted from shock at what the Goddess Aiel had done!

Aiel whined softly, “I...but I did help so many of the Pangu Race to ascend as Ancient Celestials...”

Alice said quietly, “What is done cannot be undone. It is a lucky thing that the present generation of celestial practitioners is generally weaker than the Pangu Race or it will be disastrous if they were to attempt the Unifying Mystical Eyes on their own.”

Aiel muttered, “Sorry...it is my terrible mistake...I don’t know how I am able to atone for it...I cause the deaths of so many...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping said with an arousing righteous air, “Aiel, it may not be a bad thing.”

Aiel looked up to him tearfully, “You don’t have to comfort me. I know I have committed an unforgiven thing.”

But Yi Ping smiled, “If you have the heart to repeat and realized your mistake then why think so much? Others may not forgive you but you can start by forgiving yourself first and to make amends.”

Aiel looked up at him as her lovely eyes widened...

Yi Ping continued to smile at her as he pointed to Lingfeng, “Through your mistake, some of the Ancient Celestials like the Heaveness and among others have aided many others to reach enlightenment.”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly, “Finally for once he is talking sense. That is right. So Aiel, there are many others that you have indirectly aided. So you don’t have to feel too terrible.”

The Universal Old Man was also comforting her, “I may not have

awakened my Heaven Eyes yet but I have frightened off many opponents with the Unifying Mystical Eyes!”

Han Lin, Jing’Er and the Celeste Wind Maiden were jousting around her as they comforted her, “Mistress, cheers up!”

Yunzi, Shi Shi, Yang Min, Yu’Er and Mei’Er had also joined in to comfort her!

Aiel took a heartfelt appreciative look at everyone before she muttered, “Everyone...”

All of a sudden she laughed jovially, “Thanks! But first...”

She began to look sternly at Han Lin, “Just now, did you just say that I only know how to eat, drink and sleep?”

Han Lin started to protest weakly, “You meanie! I am just trying to help you...you are so ungrateful!...”

Everyone was laughing jovially along with them...

Alice, Isa and the Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang had also broken into jovial laughter. This was the first time that Yi Ping had seen them laughing so jovially and he was completely captivated by their mesmerizing expressions but he was not the only one; because their states of divinities were much higher than Yi Ping and his entire group, all their little movements were extremely enthralling to behold to everyone.

But soon everyone became tense again when Alice had suddenly coughed weakly.

She smiled weakly, “That is fun...I have never experienced such joyful thrills before. Perhaps it is not a bad thing after all...”

Yi Ping smiled, “There will be plenty of time next time.”

Alice nodded gently but her tone soon became solemn, “Before I reveal the divine names of this Immortal Practice to you, you must use your wisdom to discern its validity. It is because this Immortal Practice is left behind by the Dark Chaos Lord who is the first mortal to transverse to

the Ninth Heavens, which is what is also known as the Immortal Realm.”

The Goddess Isa nodded melancholy at the thoughts of the Dark Chaos Lord...

She stole a glance at Yi Ping who had noticed that she was looking at him.

Yi Ping muttered, “Isa...”

She immediately turned shyly away!

In the meantime all the others were gasping excitingly. This was the moment that they were all waiting for!

“Like the Divine Practice, the Immortal Practice also has seven staging level. They are the Intricacy Focus, Linker Spirits, Revelation, Heaven Eyes, Primordial Core, Divine Crisis and Celestial Unison.”

Everyone began to mutter among themselves. Finally they had a clue to the various names of the Immortal Practice!

“Intricacy Focus!”

Intricacy Focus was the first of the immortal stage. But what did it mean?

The Heaveness Lingfeng was the first to suggest, “Hmmm, it seems like it is a clue to channel all the intricacy energies into one?”

The Celestial Fairy Yixian agreed, “It appears to be so!”

The Universal Old Man and Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage were beaming to each other.

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, “What do you think?”

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage was laughing too, “I think I got it but you may not get it!”

The Universal Old Man grumbled unhappily, “Who says so? I am more afraid that you have not got it!”

He began to smile at the Heaveness as though he was hinting her something.

Lingfeng flashed him an unhappy look, “Why are you always looking at me for answers? Why don’t you use your brain for once?”

The Universal Old Man began to fluster, “I do the experiment and you do the thinking. Isn’t that the norm for us?”

Lingfeng smiled weakly and so did Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage!

Lele had already committed the names of the Immortal Practice into her memory and she was already trying to make sense of the Immortal Practice...

Lie Qing began to stroke her long braided hair, “The Heaven Eyes is the fourth stage of the Immortal Staging. What happens to those that have already awakened their Heaven Eyes?”

Alice replied coolly, “They can begin at the Primordial Core immediately. But I will advise that they spend some time to meditate upon the lower immortal stages first. It is because it will lessen the risks for the higher immortal stages.”

Aiel immediately apologized again, “I’m really sorry...”

Lingfeng smiled gently at her, “Don’t keep apologizing or we will be upset!”

Yixian gave her an affectionate smile, “Cheers up, alright?”

Aiel heaved a soft sigh...

Lie Qing made a quick analyze, “So we now have two groups. One group will start with the Intricacy Focus and another group will start with the Primordial Core.”

She smiled enchantingly at Yi Ping, “So I guess that those who are in the Primordial Core are Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Yixian and Lele...”

Lele was so happy that she was in the same divine staging as Yi Ping that she had clapped her hands, “Ping’Er, let me guide you!”

Lie Qing laughed softly, “Sister, I hope that you don’t lead Yi Ping into deviant phenomenon first!”

Lele laughed gleefully, "He is in safe hands with me."

The Goddess Isa said quietly, "Only Yi Ping, Lingfeng and Yixian are in the Primordial Core stage. Lele is not."

Lele was flabbergasted as she panicky asked, "What do you mean?"

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, "Don't you know? Don't you feel it? You are almost a True Immortal now."

Lele was startled, "I...what?"

The Goddess Isa explained, "You have already overcome the Divine Crisis and you are now at the very last stage of the Celestial Unison. If nothing goes wrong, you will be able to transcend to the Immortal Realm very soon."

Indeed Lele had accidentally overcome the Divine Crisis earlier when they had stepped into the Inner Stellar Sanctuary!

The Goddess of Mercy nodded as she said weakly, "That is right. Moreover she has absorbed the Universal Harmonic Chain into her. This immortal artefact has also aided her to overcome her last hurdle, the Celestial Unison. At most she has only three months left in the Celestial Realm. It would be much quicker if she is not in the Stellar Sanctuary. It is because transcending to the Immortal Realm can't take place here."

Yi Ping smiled, "That is a good thing for Lele!..."

But to his utter surprise, Lele had suddenly stood up and walked away tearfully!

Yi Ping and many others were stunned!

Yi Ping muttered, "Did I say anything wrong?"

Yixian said quietly, "No you didn't. But Lele does not want to leave you or anyone of us behind. She had already left her baby daughter behind. Once is already enough. Twice is too much."

Yunzi muttered, "Lele..."

Shen Xingyue said as she disappeared into the darkness of the passage

way, "Wait here. I will go after her. It is too dangerous for her to be wandering on her own!"

Lie Qing and Ye Yin immediately exclaimed after her, "I am going too!"

Yi Ping, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had also disappeared in the direction of where Lele was last seen without saying a word!

Yi Ping tried to suppress the emotional tears in his heart as he thought anxiously, "Lele, do you know that you are equally important to me? I know that you are scared, scared of loneliness. I understand, I really understand how you feel...alas..."

Lingfeng was sighing melancholy in her heart as she took a forlorn look at his back, "I have realized that long ago that I don't wish to be an immortal anymore. I just want to be with you, Yi Ping..."

Alice said quietly to the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, "Isa, Xiang, tell me more about Maiden Lele."

Isa muttered, "Why do you want to know about her?"

Alice replied quietly, "Her advancements are simply too rapid. Don't you feel that it is all too strange? And why did the Harmonic Universal Chain choose her? I have an uneasy feeling that something is about to be happened in the Immortal Realm soon."

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy began to exchange weakly.

Finally the Goddess Isa smiled weakly, "I think you didn't know about the Jade Emperor and the Great Ascetic Heavenly King yet. We saw Yun Dingzhong..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice was startled but she soon regained her composure as she smiled weakly, "And I saw the Dark Primordial Heavenly King with Chu Mingfan..."

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were startled as they exclaimed together, "Old Man Xuantian is also alive?"

They had turned completely ashen!

It was because if the Great Ascetic Heavenly King and the Dark



Primordial Heavenly king were in a group then then it would be extremely difficult to beat them!

The Goddess Isa said panicky, "Then the helper that Yun Dingzhong is waiting for must be the Old Man Xuantian!"

The Goddess Aiel smiled bitterly, "Our influence in the Celestial Realm is weak. Moreover these two are high level immortals. Where are our helpers..."

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Celestial Alice said at the same time as they all thought of one immortal practitioner that may be help to them, "The Goddess Asura!"

The Goddess Isa smiled bitterly, "I never expected that I want to see her again so soon. But first let us hope that she is not killed first."

The Goddess of Mercy was smiling weakly of that irritating opponent of hers, "I have never expected that I will be praying for her safety..."

Alice turned to look at everyone, "A major fight on the way soon. In our present condition, we are incapable of protecting you. Therefore I have a request that I hope that you can accede to..."

# Chapter 159: Memories

Lele was sobbing as she collapsed in the corner of the dark passage, “I don’t want to be immortal. Why it has to be me?”

“You really have no idea how lucky you are.”

Lele looked up and saw an angelic maiden standing next to her; it was Shen Xingyue!

Her footings were extremely light. Among the celestial practitioners, her stealth had almost no equal!

Shen Xingyue sighed softly as she sat down next to her, “Lele, we have known for some time now right?”

Lele nodded, unsure what she was trying to tell her.

Shen Xingyue smiled, “But we have never confided in each other. I am scared.”

This time it was Lele’s turn to be startled.

She asked, “You will be scared? I don’t believe it.”

Shen Xingyue nodded melancholy, “I am really afraid. I am afraid of death...”

She had grown even more melancholy, “...I am afraid that I will never see Yi Ping again.”

Lele looked up and stared blankly at her. It was because it had touched her nerve; she shared the same fear as Shen Xingyue too!

Shen Xingyue hummed coldly to herself, “You must know that Yi Ping’s present attainment may appear to be on par with me but in fact, he is progressing at a much faster pace than I can possibly catch up. After all, I have to start at the Intricacy Focus while Yi Ping starts off at the Primordial Core. Perhaps in no time, he may even be an immortal practitioner or like Alice is saying, he may be the next Great God.”

She turned around with her eyes beaming with tears, “What if I cannot overcome my heavenly tribulation? Then I will be separated from Yi Ping.

I don't want that to happen. For one thousand five hundred years, from mortal to celestial practitioner...I have already lost him once. I don't believe in reincarnation. I don't believe that I can be like you, like Yixian and like Lie Qing, after a thousand years, you can still be reunited with him..."

Lele was startled that the usual aloof Shen Xingyue would be weeping in front of her!

Shen Xingyue wept melancholy, "If I perish and even if reincarnation exists, how long must I cultivate again in order to be in the same place as Yi Ping again? If that happens, will Yi Ping still be able to recognize me after thousands of years have passed?"

She raised her angelic voice as she wept, "That is why I am determined to be an immortal practitioner, to break away from the limitations of life and death!"

Lele was trembling as she listened.

Shen Xingyue flashed a tearful look to Lele, "You didn't realize how lucky you are? All you have to do is to wait patiently for Yi Ping. You won't have to wait too long. But for the majority of us, the waiting will be extremely long!"

Lele smiled weakly as she raised her trembling hands to grasp Shen Xingyue, "Sister Xingyue, don't be too upset. I know that you are trying to comfort me. I know now that I am wrong. I will pull myself up so don't you worry, alright?"

Shen Xingyue smiled weakly as she wiped her tears, "Bold words. I am not comforting you..."

Lele smiled, "Whatever!"

At this moment they had heard footsteps approaching and saw that it was Yi Ping, Lie Qing, Ye Yin, Yu'Er and Mei'Er!

They had obviously overheard their conversation.

Yi Ping said quietly, "Lele, Xingyue...is there anything that I can do for

you?”

Lele and Shen Xingyue said at the same time, “No!...”

They looked at each other and laughed softly, “Don’t copy me!...”

“Not again!...”

Yi Ping laughed as he pulled them to their feet, “What are two full grown up maidens sitting on the dirty floor for?”

Shen Xingyue hummed coldly, “Because we like and because we enjoy!”

Lele snapped her fingers, “That is right!”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose hard as he seemed to ponder for a while before he looked at Lie Qing, Ye Yin, Yu’Er and Mei’Er, “What do you think?”

Ye Yin responded, “And what do you think?”

Lie Qing laughed mesmerizingly, “It seems that Lele and Xingyue have become friends. I am about to lose a close sister soon.”

Lele protested weakly, “You are still my best sister!”

Lie Qing smiled heartily, “But unfortunately, I am not good in comforting others.”

Shen Xingyue was also protesting, “I am not comforting Lele at all. It is just that you are all so slow!”

Lele nodded, “That...right. You should practice your swiftness skill more often!”

Lie Qing sighed softly, “Unfortunately even if you give me a million years, my swiftness skill still won’t be as good as Xingyue or you.”

Lele laughed, “Go learn from Sister Xian’Er and Sister Youxue. They are experts too! When you are good enough in your swiftness skill, you can come and comfort me!”

Lie Qing stroked her long braided hair as she smiled weakly, “I don’t want!”

Ye Yin groaned softly, “I don’t want either. Why must we comfort you?”

We should be jealous of you. You should be the one comforting us instead!”

Yi Ping said smilingly, “I am afraid that Ye Yin is right. So what are we going to do now?”

Mei’Er laughed jovially, “We have six lovely maidens in this dark passage. So what do you suggest you want to do?”

Yu’Er laughed, “Mei’Er, don’t you put any weird ideas into Yi Ping’s head!”

Mei’Er replied, “Sister, have you forgotten that we are all Yi Ping’s consorts? So what weird ideas are you talking about?”

Yi Ping offered a helpful suggestion, “Maybe that is because I am a weird person?”

Ye Yin laughed softly, “Um, that is so true. Unlike us, only a weird person like you can actually attain the Seventh Cosmos Positioning!”

Yi Ping touched the Celestial Alice that was on his back, “Hmm, you are saying that Maiden Ziyang is also a weird person?”

Lele immediately interrupted cheekily, “She really is. So you mustn’t see her again! Not ever again! At least not while I am still around!”

Yi Ping was smiling. It was because he knew that she was not serious.

Ye Yin was smiling enthralling, “Lele, of course Yi Ping won’t be able to see that Maiden Ziyang while you are not around. That is because you will be seeing her in the Immortal Realm!”

Lele was startled, “I don’t want to either! What do you mean?”

Shen Xingyue offered to explain, “That is because Alice is an immortal. Just like Isa, Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy. From what I can surmise, their time here in the Celestial Realm is very limited and it seems that they have taken a hefty price to descend to the Celestial Realm for the Stellar Sanctuary. For this I can imagine there are plenty of other reasons why the Immortals are here. It will seem weird to me if they are simply here to reach the very top.”

Lele hummed coldly as she crossed her arms, “I don’t care for their fluffy reasons and they aren’t following me around in the Immortal Realm!”

Yi Ping and the rest of the maidens smiled weakly when they had heard Lele’s proclamation.

Everyone was already thinking secretly, “No wonder Lele is able to overcome her divine crisis. She is really not bothered by a lot of things. Her state of divinity is higher than us. The Immortal Realm isn’t a safe place for a new immortal who doesn’t know anything about the Immortal Realm and she doesn’t even bother to consider it...”

Yu’Er laughed softly, “It does seem that Sister Lele doesn’t really need our concern now.”

Mei’Er nodded, “It does appear to be so!”

Lele asked shyly, “Do I look like the emotional type? Maybe you have forgotten that I am the Joyful Goddess!”

Yi Ping patted her shoulder as he muttered, “Lele...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping had held Lele into his embrace and he was trembling!

Lele was totally caught by surprise and she was flustering shyly, “Ping’Er! There are others here...we should wait until there is no one...”

But Yi Ping continued to hold her tightly as he said with a trembling voice, “Lele, you must wait for me...”

Lele rested her head comfortably on Yi Ping’s chest as she muttered dreamily, “I will surely will...or else who will take care of you when I am not around?”

Yi Ping smiled, “Things are not that bad...”

Lele interrupted with a soft smile, “I still remember I am the one that saved you on our very first day!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “And I thought that I am the one that saved you instead...”

Lele continued to say, "You are such a greenhorn back then. Do you remember the second battle that we had with Yuan Shao? Back at the foot of the Tranquil Mountains..."

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Lie Qing, Yu'Er and Mei'Er looked at each other; it was because they were there too!

Yi Ping replied, "I do..."

He would never forget all his battles...

Lele was smiling sweetly to herself, "At that time, do you know that the first person that I want to kill is actually you?"

Yi Ping laughed heartily as he held her even tighter, "If I were you back then, I will probably do the same."

At that time, Lele had painfully orchestrated an awe striking show of appearance in order to gain the psychology battle against Yuan Shao and the many other powerful opponents that were with him.

She was hoping to gain a psychology hand for them. It was because their opponents were too strong and fighting was not completely about raw skill or strength. To win the psychology battle would ensure a thirty percent winning rate!

But Yi Ping had screwed it up!

At that time, she really thought that it was going to be game over for their group!

Lele shook her head gently as she smiled to herself, "No, you won't. You lying rascal. You don't like to do killing. I often wonder how you manage to survive for so long in the martial fraternity, huh? If others want to kill you, you should at the very least retaliate. Sometimes righteousness is not worth a single cent if you are dead. You must at the very least think of your love ones. What will happen to them if you are dead?"

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue and Lie Qing were all standing quietly as they listened; it was Lele's quiet moment with Yi Ping and they

did not want to interrupt them. Moreover, they were all being secretly moved by Lele...

Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Lie Qing were smiling fondly when they had recalled that battle scene as they mused, "Oh Yi Ping, you are so terrible at that time!"

Not terrible with his fighting skills. Yi Ping was already on par with the top exponents in the martial fraternity already. But he was just too greenhorn and totally lacked the cunning to win over his more crafty opponents!

Lele gave Yi Ping a gently kick, "But you have proved that with righteousness in your heart, you can still triumph over the despicable..."

She added quietly, "Do you still remember..."

"I am an icy divine star from the heavens. Can you hear...the light stirring of my heart...do you know...what stirs my heart...you have awakened my emotions and filled my lonely life. Our hearts have exchanged intricate with each other...can you see the transparent mirror in my heart..."

Yi Ping muttered, "Yes, I remember..."

At that time, she had silently unblocked all the forbidden celestial channels in her body and had raised her Divine Celestial Force to the highest level. To protect Yi Ping, she was willing to sacrifice her own life to resort to the use of the Heavens Earth Sundering Skill of the Divine Celestial Force...

But the timely intervention of Lie Qing and Yunzi stopped her just in time...

Or she would have turned into star dust!

Until today, Lele had never told Yi Ping of this secret skill that she possessed!

She muttered, "Maybe I should keep it this way..."

Yi Ping asked softly, "What is wrong, Lele?"



Lele shook her head, "Nothing. In the future, you must take good care of yourself and not to be reckless anymore, alright?"

Yi Ping sighed softly, "I will...I will..."

Lele smiled gently, "So the greenhorn has grown up at last. You must remember this. Raw strength can only get you to a certain level of advantage but will never give you the edge against equally powerful opponents. Your opponent can only be defeated only if you respect them as opponent. So don't be too nice or soft against them. Always harden your heart against them!"

Yi Ping muttered, "I will remember..."

Lie Qing was secretly anxious!

It was because Lele had suddenly said plenty of sensible things which were not the norm!

It was as though she was planning something and she shuddered at the thought of it!

Even though they were now close sisters but she could never guessed what was on Lele's mind. In a sense, even though her Invincible Divine Force had grown in strength, she could never know how her divine skill fared against Lele's Celestial Force. The last fight that they had resulted in a draw!

It was because she knew that Lele would never show hand all her cards on the table, making it hard for her to gauge Lele's true strength and state of divinity...

Because Lele always exerted that invisible psychology barrier, none of the maidens had any confidence in winning against her if a fight were to start between them!

It was not that they did not try to have any friendly duel with Lele but Lele's fighting style was simply hit and run. To conclude a duel with Lele would probably take hours and extremely tiring!

Lie Qing had to point to her all the time, "Lele, we are all exchanging

pointers and not fighting with real weapons. Can't you duel for real?"

But Lele would always ignore everyone and continued to execute her own usual fighting style as though she could not afford to lose, earning her the nickname of Loser Lele from Mei'Er.

In the end, no one really wanted to exchange pointers with her anymore.

The purpose of exchanging pointers was to improve their skills and levels but it was something that Lele would always seem to be disinterested!

Lie Qing stole a look at Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess; she was the complete opposite of Lele. She did not like to move and would rather be on the defensive all the time!

No one enjoyed someone who was always on the defensive and seemingly picking up their strokes on the sly!

Needless to say, no one really wanted to duel with Ye Yin either!

The only person that was interested to duel with everyone was Yi Ping!

He was really interested to fight whenever he could and did not mind losing.

All the maidens were patient with him even though they knew that Yi Ping was trying to pick up their intrigue skills!

Lie Qing said gently, "Ping'Er, it is unfair that you are only hugging Lele. Do you remember how you sacrifice your Divine Dragon Pill to revive me?"

Yi Ping nodded, "I remember..."

Ye Yin was stunned, "The Divine Dragon Pill!"

After hearing from Lele and Lie Qing, Ye Yin was even more convinced of Yi Ping's righteousness and she was emotional aroused. It was because Yi Ping was the man that she was waiting for all these years. She really wanted to know everything about Yi Ping and what he did!

Yi Ping had gathered all six of the maidens closely together into his

embrace as he muttered, “I was such a greenhorn back then...”

Mei’Er teased him, “You still are now!”

Shen Xingyue smiled angelically, “Quick, share with me. I want to know all of Yi Ping’s awkward moments!”

Everyone started laughing, including Yi Ping!

Yi Ping had only one word to defend himself, “Unfortunately, I am not a greenhorn anymore!”

“Greenhorn! Noob!”

If anyone was looking their way, they seemed really blissful as they laughed and chatted for a long time...

# Chapter 160: Farewell

When Yi Ping and his group reappeared again to rejoin the main group, they exuded a beaming radiance and the delightful expressions that they had were like light that lifted the darkness!

The other maidens from the main group were startled to see them coming back with such delightful mood that they were envious!

Yixian smiled, "Ping'Er, what takes you so long to come back?"

Youxue sighed softly, "Now I really regret not going after Lele!"

Lingfeng was happy to see them in such high spirits. She was a little worried for Lele and Yi Ping when it took them so long to return. So it seemed that her worries were misplaced!

She yawned softly, "So our dashing hero is finally back."

Shi Shi smiled, "Welcome back!"

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess of Mercy were obviously startled to see them in such exuberant spirits and radiating a delightful happiness that seemed to be infectious!

Han Lin, Jing'Er, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Lady Winter Plum and Yang Min were smiling too!

Old Reverend Vanquisher Sage muttered, "Such enviable people."

Lingfeng startled by his enveloping righteous animus!

She smiled to herself, stealing a glance at Yixian at the same time, "It seems that he has finally reached enlightenment..."

Yixian was looking beaming at Yi Ping, "He has finally reached enlightenment and has finally put everything aside. He has finally returned to his old self..."

When Yi Ping had caught the sight of everyone again, he sighed softly in his heart. "It is really not easy for everyone to reach this point. Whether I am the White Sage or the Dark Chaos Lord, it isn't important anymore. If it is our destiny to be at the same place and time, then I

should make atonement for the past or at the very least, help end the feuds that have started long ago...”

When he had thought of this, his eyes became spirited and his mood light!

Alice and Isa were quietly observing Yi Ping and they were secretly startled. It was because they had recalled seeing this light-spirited expression that was constantly accompanying the Dark Chaos Lord which was his trademark countenance!

Alice had remembered that she had thought of the Dark Chaos Lord as an arrogant badass fellow when she had her first meeting with him. To add fuel to fire, he was so bold to even name his sword after her. How Insolence of him and infuriating!

Needless to say, her impression of him was horribly bad in the beginning...

The Universal Old Man hastily called out excitedly, “Ping’Er, come over here quickly. The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy have just taught us a way to gauge our divine practice. You don’t want to miss this!”

Yi Ping was beside the Universal Old Man in an instant as he asked excitedly, “Protégé Master, really?”

The rest of the maidens rejoined the main group and immediately the entire group was jovial and alive!

“Where did you go?”

“What sweet nothings did Yi Ping says to Lele? Lele looks absolutely happy compared to earlier...”

“Did something interesting happen?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as everyone began to crowd around him.

He raised his voice to make himself heard above the ruckus, “There is a way to gauge our divine progression?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly at Yi Ping as she nodded...

The Goddess of Mercy quickly said, “Alice, you take a rest first. Your injuries are the worse here...”

The Goddess Isa knew what the Goddess of Mercy was going to say, so she said weakly. “That is right. Let the Goddess of Mercy explained to the newly arrivals...”

Both Isa and Alice nodded approvingly.

Even the golden Kirin cub was howling to show its approval!

Yi Ping nodded at them gently, “Alice, Isa...”

His heart ached at their present condition but he had kept it to himself.

Indeed their injuries were not light.

Even for immortals of their caliber, they may not survive what the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy had gone through!

They had literally taken the blunt of the Esper Formation and were later smashed hard onto the celestium floor. The very reasons that they had survived were because Alice was protected by her divine robe and her celestium silk while Isa was protected by her newly restored celestium armor!

The Goddess of Mercy forced a weak smile as she looked at Yi Ping...

Yi Ping smiled, “Maiden Xiang...”

The Goddess of Mercy said playfully, “I will like you to call me Xiang’Er!”

Yi Ping hesitated for a while because he had suddenly noticed many of the maidens were groaning with displeasure with their eyes but he coolly said, “Xiang’Er, can you show us the details?”

The Goddess of Mercy raised both of her hands in front of Yi Ping. All of a sudden the tips of her fingers began to glow with a dim golden light!

She smiled, “This is the basic Deific Divine Skill.”

Yi Ping was startled as he appraised her curiously.

The Goddess of Mercy smiled as she explained, “From my right hand to

my left hand, there are altogether ten fingers. Each of the light on my finger represents a state of divinity.”

Yi Ping understood immediately but he asked, “But there are only seven states of immortal divinities, am I right? Where does the three extra comes from?”

The Universal Old Man began to laugh heartily, “You haven’t figure out, am I right?”

Lingfeng said unhappily, “Hey! You also didn’t figure out earlier. None of us did!”

The Universal Old Man protested weakly, “I am just trying to pull a quick one on Ping’Er, what is wrong with you?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he made a guess, “I surmise that at the beginning of this intricacy practice, we have to gain the practice of getting the first of the fingers to glow first. Only then can we truly use this divine skill to track our immortal practice. The second finger will only glow once a celestial practitioner has accumulated enough cultivation to begin the Immortal Practice? The third to the ninth finger represents the different various stages of the Immortal Practice? And the tenth marks the full attainment of the Immortal Practice?”

The Goddess of Mercy stammered astonishingly, “You know?!”

Everyone was also gasping!

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I am just making a lucky guess. That is all.”

The Universal Old Man muttered, “Oh well, I got a smart protégé. Like protégé master, like protégé...”

Lingfeng coughed coldly, “My foot!”

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly, “So here is the intricacy formula of the Deific Divine Skill...”

Shen Xingyue, Lie Qing, Ye Yin, Mei’Er and Yu’Er gathered excitingly around the Goddess of Mercy to receive the instructions of the Deific Divine Skill...

Lele was beaming alluring to Yi Ping, “You have better progress fast or else I won’t forgive you!”

Yi Ping answered coolly, “I will. Stay safe...”

The Goddess of Mercy began to recite to them the intricacy formula of the Deific Divine Skill...

But no sooner had she finished reciting the Deific Divine Skill, the Goddess Celestial Alice rose up hastily to say, “There is no time to lose anymore. We must make haste now. We may not be able win against the Dark Primordial Heavenly King and the Great Ascetic Heavenly King right now but we may be able to get ahead of them. It is their first time in the Stellar Sanctuary and they may not be as familiar as us.”

Yi Ping was startled, “Now?”

It was obvious to him that Alice, Isa and Gusu Xiang were in no condition to continue their way. The traps and monsters in the unknown Stellar Sanctuary were simply overwhelming...

Alice turned around to ask the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, “Isa, Goddess of Mercy. Are you strong enough to walk?”

Isa replied weakly, “Definitely better than you.”

The Goddess of Mercy laughed weakly, “Speak for yourself first!”

Alice nodded, “I have recovered a tenth of my martial strength so that is enough for me.”

Yi Ping clenched his fist quietly. He had only respect for their determination...

Deep inside, he wanted to protest but he knew that she was right. If they do not hurry, their opponents may catch up with them. Just one glance at the Great Ascetic Heavenly King, he knew that he was not an easy opponent to defeat at all. If the Dark Primordial Heavenly King was with him, then they really had little chance!

Yi Ping may not experience the martial strength of the Great Ascetic Heavenly King yet but he had a firsthand experience of the fight between



the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Asura. He knew that the Great Ascetic Heavenly King was leagues above them!

And most of his group had been badly hurt by the Esper Formation and the artefact manifest monster...

All of a sudden Yi Ping had noticed that the mood of his group had become extremely solemn!

It did not escape the notice of Lele, Shen Xingyue, Lie Qing, Yu'Er, Ye Yin and Mei'Er!

Lie Qing immediately asked, "Did something happen while we are not here? What is wrong with all of you?"

Ye Yin, Yu'Er and Mei'Er were stunned at the sudden atmosphere. Their empathy skills were the strongest in the group and they were extremely sensitive. It was as though something was already being planned in their absence!

Jing'Er took a forlorn look at Yi Ping, "Hero Yi Ping, it is time for us to part."

Yi Ping was shaken, "Jing'Er, what happens?"

Jing'Er stole a look at the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Celestial Alice, "Nothing happens. I just don't want to be your hindrance..."

Yi Ping quickly interrupted her, "No you are not..."

Jing'Er smiled gently, "And I am not the only one that is leaving too."

Yi Ping took a step back, stumped by the announcement!

But he quickly composed himself to say as he took a look at everyone, "But this is the Stellar Sanctuary. No one can leave once they are in it..."

Alice said, "Yes and no. I have the artefact core of the Stellar Sanctuary with me. I can use the warping formation to forcefully expel practitioners out of the Stellar Sanctuary."

Yi Ping was startled, "Really?!"

Alice nodded weakly, "But it can only be used once. I have waited till I

have sufficient internal strength to do so. Those that wants to leave now, now is the perfect time to do so before it is too late.”

Yi Ping was trembling, “Therefore, some of you have already decided to leave because you don’t want to be my hindrance? Is that so?”

Yang Min said gently, “That is right!”

Yi Ping laughed melancholy, “Good! Good! Then let’s us all leave together! I don’t really care for the martial secrets or for the celestial treasures of the Stellar Sanctuary anyway!”

The Goddess of Mercy said quietly, “No, we can’t.”

Yi Ping was stupefied, “Why is that so?”

The Goddess of Mercy replied melancholy, “Because this warping formation does not work for the true immortals like us. We have to face the wrath of the Great God Pangu should we decide to enter the Stellar Sanctuary. Moreover...”

She took a guilty look at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “We have made a terrible mistake and we must atone for it. The only way to stop the forthcoming divine calamity is to reach the very top and hope that everything can still be reversible.”

Alice nodded...

Yi Ping asked, “What kind of a forthcoming divine calamity?”

He hoped that she would not tell him that the mysteries of heavens cannot be revealed...

Alice said quietly as she moved her fingers to calculate again, “Earlier, I did a quick divination...”

Isa whispered softly for the benefit of those who were not presented earlier, “The Goddess Celestial Alice is extremely gifted in divinations, the best in the Immortal Realm in which she has no equal. More so when she has attained the Seventh Cosmos Positioning.”

Alice said weakly, “This is the seventh time the Stellar Sanctuary has appeared in the Celestial Realm. I have often wondered how long the

Stellar Sanctuary will continue to appear. The appearance of the Stellar Sanctuary is an imbalance in itself and many of the immortals are right to fear it...”

She sighed softly, “But everyone just wants to enter the Stellar Sanctuary to seize the leftover divine power of the Great God Pangu and to loot the numerous treasures of the Stellar Sanctuary. But no one has succeeded. Many of the immortals are of the view that the very reason why the Stellar Sanctuary has descended onto the Celestial Realm; it is for only the most powerful immortals to descend and attempt.”

“However for whatever reasons, everything is only guesswork. That is why I have sealed the Stellar Sanctuary...”

She looked at the Goddess Isa, “...finally I had relented for him...”

The Goddess Isa nodded melancholy...

She muttered softly, “I still do not know what I have done is right or wrong. It is because it is impossible to know Heavens’ Will. But I have drawn out a conclusion, a terrible conclusion.”

Yi Ping asked nervously, “What is it?”

“A terrible conclusion that no one will possibly believe. A reversal of the Stellar Sanctuary will happen...a correction to the imbalance appearance of the Stellar Sanctuary. I believe that the Dark Descendant will soon happen. Whether it will happen in the Celestial Realm or the Immortal Realm, either way is unthinkable!”

Yi Ping was trembling and he was seized with dread, “The Dark Descendant...it is happening again...”

Celestials will kill Celestials, Immortals will kill Immortals to gain quick attainment!...

A new order will begin anew again...

Alice said, “Yi Ping, this is not your battle. You don’t have to accompany us. After all, it may not be true. No matter, it is my duty to stop the immortals from interfering with the celestials in the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Yi Ping said quietly, "I understand. But I am staying."

There was silence...

Yixian said coolly, "I am staying too."

Lie Qing laughed softly, "Of course I am staying too!"

Ye Yin said, "I am staying too."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er chorus together, "I am staying too!"

Lele quickly said, "Hmph! Count me in too!"

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, "Lele, I don't think the warping formation works for you at all. You are half-immortal now."

Lele groaned miserably, "Actually I want to leave now..."

Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage said solemnly, "It is not that I am afraid. I must quickly go back to the Holy Ascension Sect to reveal the known names of the Immortal Practice. Moreover with the immortals that are now here in the Stellar Sanctuary, not many of the Celestials will be able to survive this time. There is bound to be chaos. I must warn everyone to get ready."

He inhaled a soft sigh as he looked at the Goddess Aiel, "Ai...take care..."

Aiel replied quietly, "You too..."

Lady Winter Plum said melancholy as she looked at the Universal Old Man, "I must return to my own sect and exposed Chu Mingfan! Moreover..."

She lowered her gaze, "In the end, I am still too weak for the Stellar Sanctuary. Even then..."

She beamed positively as she smiled at the Universal Old Man who did not seem to notice her, "I have gained plenty of experiences, including the knowledge of the names of the Immortal Practice."

She tapped the Universal Old Man lightly, startling him. "Hey! Don't die!"

The Universal Old Man was startled, “Me?”

He was suddenly flustered because he was not used to getting this type of attention. He stammered, “Why me and not Yi Ping?”

She laughed softly, “That is because you are my idol. Long ago, you have helped me...”

The Universal Old Man stared at this heavenly maiden, “I did?...”

She pretended to be upset, “Seems like you are really getting old. I will tell you next time. If you don’t mind, you can come to my humble abode at the Three Plum Sect.”

The Universal Old Man smiled awkwardly, “Where is it?”

Lady Winter Plum sighed miserably...

The Heaveness Lingfeng was cursing silently before she said exasperatedly, “Like protégé, like protégé master! You are hopeless!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly at her...

Lingfeng winked at Yi Ping, “Don’t look at me like this. I am staying. Someone has to be your guide to get you out of trouble in the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, “It will be perfectly boring if someone isn’t here to give me her advice...”

Lingfeng resisted throwing at him one of her hundreds of secret projectiles. Instead she lifted her leg and sent her footwear into his face!

Yi Ping smiled miserably, “That is too sneaky...”

He sighed softly, “I can’t believe that I can’t see that coming...”

Lingfeng laughed softly, “Don’t rub your nose when you are talking to me. It is perfectly dangerous to do so!”

Yunzi smiled, “I am staying.”

Youxue gave a sleepy smile, “I am staying too.”

Even though Yunzi and Youxue said little but their expressions already

spoke volumes of their undying love for Yi Ping!

Yi Ping knew that it was impossible to persuade them so he did not attempt to.

The Celeste Wind Maiden said quietly as she looked at Yi Ping, "I am leaving. The Celestial Aiel Sect needs me."

She smiled at Ye Yin, "Let hope that you can pull through. I am hoping for a duel with you."

Ye Yin smiled, "Anytime!"

Yi Ping was startled that Xiao Qian was also leaving. She was really a powerful fighter. But what right did he have to stop her from leaving?

He guessed that Han Lin was also leaving...

But Han Lin said, "Mistress, I am staying!"

The Goddess Celestial Aiel rebuked her solemnly, "Han Lin, we may not survive this trip. You very well know this. I know that you miss me but ever since Yi Ping had helped me to unseal my Heaven Eyes, I am an immortal now..."

Han Lin protested immediately, "Fat hope! I am not staying wholly because of you."

She started to look at Yi Ping with a weird expression, "Huh, don't misunderstood. I am also not staying...because of you..."

Everyone knew that she was lying, including Yi Ping.

Yi Ping muttered, "Han Lin..."

Han Lin looked at Yi Ping in the eyes but said nothing...

Shi Shi interrupted them, "Ping'Er, I will accompany my protégé sisters Yang Min and Jing'Er. We have plenty of catching up to do. Take good care of yourself..."

Yi Ping muttered, "Shi Shi..."

Shi Shi was the first heavenly maiden that they had met in the Celestial Realm and she had helped them a lot.

She smiled, "Ping'Er, don't you worry for me. I am an Ancient Celestial now and moreover, you have given such a good divine sword. I can surely protect myself."

Yi Ping nodded...

He was a little sad that so many were leaving but at the same time he was glad. It was because they will be safer outside than in the Stellar Sanctuary.

Yang Min looked up to him, her expressions were beholding. "Yi Ping, I will never forget about you. Please come back safe and sound or I will never forgive you!"

Yi Ping muttered, "Yang Min..."

All of a sudden Yang Min fell into his embrace as she cried out, "You must..."

Everyone was moved...

# Chapter 161: The Deific Divine Skill

The Goddess Celestial Alice had initiated the warping formation with the Artefact Core of the Stellar Sanctuary to send Shi Shi, Jing'Er, Yang Min, the Celeste Wind Maiden, Lady Winter Plum and Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage back to the exterior of the Celestial Realm.

The Goddess Celestial Alice briefly collapsed after initiating the warping formation!

Isa said quietly to him, "The more people that are sent back, the more taxing it is. Usually the limit is no more than three..."

Yi Ping sighed miserably at the terrible toll that it had extracted on Alice...

He quickly looked around to make an assessment of their party strength.

After firsthand experiencing the Stellar Sanctuary, he knew that this place was really not easy. He shivered to think that the Stellar Sanctuary was the end place for tens of thousands of celestials...

He had ascended to the Celestial Realm with nine of the maidens and he sighed with relief that they were still with him.

The nine of them were the Celestial Fairy Yixian, the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing, the Joyful Goddess Lele, Xiao Youxue, Dugu Yunzi, the Heaveness Lingfeng, the Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu'Er, the Axis Eclipse Heaven Goddess Mei'Er and the Fiery Phoenix Shen Xingyue.

In addition to the original group, there were the Universal Old Man, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin, the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Celestial Alice. Altogether there were seven of them.

So including himself, there was seventeen of them left now out of a sizable group of twenty-three.

Lingfeng muttered, "The group is still too large. If we step into a powerful formation, the size of our group will be our downfall. It is



because the formidability of the formation increases in strength based on our numbers!”

Youxue swept a cold gaze at the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Celestial Alice, “And we have three invalids now. It is going to be tough protecting them. If it is a trial that requires the practitioner’s martial strength, how are they going to overcome it? In short, they are our burden!”

This immediately caused flustering embarrassment from the Alice, Isa and Xiang!

Xiang muttered, “I have never thought that today I will be given a dressing down of my martial strength by a mere celestial practitioner...”

Xiao Youxue was never one to mince her words. When she had heard that, she reminded them. “The weak has no place here!”

Weak...

Alice smiled bitterly, “I have never had anyone that called me weak and can still remain standing for this long.”

Isa smiled bitterly as well, “Me too...”

The Heaviness Lingfeng, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin and the Fiery Phoenix Shen Xingyue were all smiling weakly. It was because the status of the Great Goddess Alice of the Three Known Realms was such that all the celestials were expected to pay homage to her!

But now Youxue was being so disrespectful to them and she had actually got away from it!

Only Yunzi knew that Youxue was cold on the surface but kind inside. It was because they were both from the Virtuous Palace which was extremely cruel to their protégés.

Youxue was indirectly telling everyone that if anything happens later, they should not grieve because this result was to be expected!

This was a reality that everyone must learn to accept!

But Yi Ping said with a heroic determination, “If anything happens and

it seems to be beyond us, flee first. I will cover everyone. I will be there for everyone.”

Alice, Isa and Xiang looked quietly at him; their expressions were reflective and startled!

The Universal Old Man clapped his hand onto his chest, “Ladies, Yi Ping and I will be your tank!”

The Heaviness Lingfeng smiled weakly, “You are teasing us, am I right? Look at you. You are almost half-dead. Can you still be able to move as mobile as before?”

Indeed she was right!

Most of them had expended their martial strength or taken a hard beating from the Esper Formation and battle earlier!

The Universal Old Man had expended most of his martial strength to help the weaker ones to survive through the Esper Formation!

The Universal Old Man began to laugh heartily, “I am already so old now. It is almost time to meet my maker.”

Yu’Er laughed softly, “Without your beard, you actually look young!”

The Universal Old Man began to rub his chin, “Oh really? No wonder, I am feeling young and attractive nowadays...”

Lingfeng shook her head, “You are...hopeless. Why did I have a companion like you...”

Mei’Er laughed jovially to the Universal Old Man, “Why don’t you try dating Lady Winter Plum?”

The Universal Old Man laughed, “A beautiful maiden like her won’t like me. Moreover...”

He took a glance at the Goddess Aiel, “...I am faithful to Aiel...”

The Goddess Aiel began to cough uncontrollably while Han Lin was laughing jovially as she moved to and fro!

The Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing unsheathed her divine sword, “I am

going to kill someone. I can't bear to watch anymore!..."

Yi Ping panicky called out, "Qing'Er, no!"

The Celestial Fairy Yixian smiled gently, "Maybe we should continue first as we chat?"

Everyone immediately nodded anxiously!

"Let's go!"

While they were chatting, they were not idling either. All of them were actually in meditation poses and trying to replenish as much martial power and internal strength as possible!

Yi Ping immediately led the way followed by Youxue!

Yixian smiled, "We can also try out the Deific Divine Skill first."

Yi Ping asked, "Xian'Er, you have an idea how to begin?"

Yixian nodded gently, "I think so. Let me try!"

She immediately raised her fingers and all of a sudden, there were six glowing lights on her finger tips!

Everyone was astonished!

Yi Ping was startled, "Xian'Er, you have reached the Primordial Core in such a short time?!"

The first glowing light represented the basic proficiency of the Deific Divine Skill. The second glowing light represented that the practitioner had enough cultivation to begin the Immortal Practice!

The third glowing light represented the first stage of the Immortal Practice, Intricacy Focus!

The forth glowing light represented the second stage of the Immortal Practice, Linker Spirits!

The fifth glowing light represented the third stage of the Immortal Practice, Revelation!

The sixth glowing light represented the fourth stage of the Immortal

Practice, Heaven Eyes!

So that means that Yixian was now at the Primordial Core Immortal Stage!

She was now left with three more immortal staging to be a half-immortal; the Primordial Core, the Divine Crisis and the Celestial Unison!

Yixian smiled gently, "So I am an immortal practitioner now?"

The Goddess Aiel clapped her hands, "I know Ishtar...I mean the Celestial Fairy will surely attain enlightenment as an immortal practitioner!"

Alice, Isa and Xiang looked astonishingly at each other as they pursed their lips...

Yi Ping was astonished by Yixian, "Xian'Er, you can explain the principles of the Immortal Practice to us?"

Yixian smiled, "Why not?"

She said gently, "Try to get the basic Deific Divine Skill working first."

Immediately everyone began to exercise their internal strength to their fingertips by reciting the intricacy formula of the Deific Divine Skill!

Except for the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy Xiang who were already immortal practitioners, the rest of the group began to recite the Deific Divine Skill.

The first fingertip of everyone was glowing!

One hundred percent success rate!

Everyone was delighted!

Lele tugged Yi Ping as she winked at him, "Look Ping'Er, I have done it!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly and so did the rest of the maidens.

Whether Lele was able to succeed or not with the Deific Divine Skill to gauge her immortal stages advancement was not really important to her; it was because everyone had already known that she had already

completed the Celestial Unison, which was the last immortal staging!

In short, she did not even need to figure out the Immortal Practice at all but to the rest of the celestial practitioners, this was actually really crucial to them!

Yixian smiled to Lele, "Good sister, well done."

Lele laughed softly, "Thank you sister!"

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "You are a cheater, Lele..."

Yixian laughed softly but she soon turned solemnly, "Alright everyone. The second step is the most crucial. It is to see whether you have enough cultivation to begin practice as an immortal practitioner. Simply recite the second verse of the Deific Divine Skill."

Yi Ping successfully lit his second fingertip with a soft glow!

The Universal Old Man laughed heartily; he had also succeeded!

The Heaviness Lingfeng was next!

The Joyful Goddess Lele was the next to succeed as she muttered weakly, "For a second, I thought that I am a complete failure."

Ye Yin heaved a soft sigh of relief as her second fingertip was lit!

It was followed by Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er as well!

Han Lin broke into a cold sweat as she finally lit her second fingertip!

She muttered, "For a second, I thought I fail..."

Yi Ping looked around and saw that Lie Qing, Yunzi and Youxue were still trying and did not succeed...

He was saddened as he thought, "They have skipped several celestial stages to reach the Celestial Realm. It is a good thing now that they are Golden Celestials now. I should be grateful..."

All of a sudden Lie Qing, Youxue and Yunzi succeeded at the same time much to the delight of Yi Ping and the rest of the group!

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "Hey. Don't stare at us like this. The remnants

of the Invincible Divine Clan are not weak!”

Lie Qing, Youxue and Yunzi were all practitioners of the Invincible Divine Force!

Alice muttered silently to Isa and Xiang, “They are the practitioners of the Invincible Divine Force and this Lie Qing is extremely powerful. If I am not mistaken, she has actually attained the eleventh level of the Invincible Divine Force.”

Isa and Xiang were obviously startled as they exchanged silently among themselves via the Great Divine Whispering Skill, “The highest level that we had previously encountered was the tenth and he was already Invincible in the Immortal Realm.”

Xiang added, “There is a vast difference between a mortal, a celestial and an immortal that are all at the tenth level. But a eleventh level is unheard of. Can she equal an immortal of the ninth invincible level?”

Isa said, “Maybe yes, maybe no. First of all, there is still a gap between the martial strength of an immortal and a celestial practitioner. Moreover she is still without the benefit of the Heaven Eyes. Without the added martial strength of the Heaven Eyes, she may not fare too well against an immortal of the Heaven Positioning even.”

Alice murmured quietly, “Still, she is one more step toward the true completion of the Invincible Divine Force. I have always thought that the eleventh and the twelfth is a mythical level.”

She had never seen Lie Qing displaying her eleventh invincible divine force, only the tenth. But after witnessing it once in the Astronomic Stellar Formation, she was convinced that Lie Qing had reached the eleventh level.

She could tell based on her fighting experiences!

Isa added, “I don’t like her divine sword. That is a dark sword. And the divine sword of that Ye Yin also. The history of these dark swords...”

Xiang took over from her, “...are dark indeed...”

Yixian was smiling to everyone, "Good! We can all continue to the next step together!"

She took a deep breath, "The first immortal stage Intricacy Focus as the name suggests, requires the full focus of the practitioner's intricacy energies. Any practitioner that has cleared their life and death channel won't find it difficult. Just focus with the intricacy formula of the Deific Divine Skill will do."

Yi Ping smiled weakly. It took him some effort to light his third fingertip!

It was because he was not an expert practitioner in the internal arts!

Lele laughed, "I have done it!"

Yunzi had also succeeded as she gave Yi Ping a smile.

Yi Ping however was a little startled, "Yunzi, you have cleared your life and death channels?"

Yunzi nodded, "My new protégé master, the Immortal Saint of Swords helped me. He is really kind to me. He has actually expended his vital strength for my sake..."

Yi Ping was solemn. If he had expended his vital strength then would his fighting strength suffered as a result? It was because he knew that the sword skills of the Infinity Sword Celestial Sect depended on their vital energies...

He began to bore a grudging respect for the Immortal Saint of Swords as he thought, "I feel so bad now..."

Lie Qing and Youxue had succeeded also!

It was followed quickly by Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er!

Yi Ping looked around and saw that Lingfeng and his protégé master had also succeeded!

Han Lin was the last but she managed to succeed too!

Again all of them had succeeded!

But that was only the very first stage of the Immortal Practice...

Yixian smiled, "Not bad. Let's us keep trying. The next one will be the Linker Spirits. Focus your spirit and will together as you recite the intricacy formula of the Deific Divine Skill."

Yi Ping exercised his Absolute Spirits as he began to recite the Deific Divine Skill. Immediately his fourth fingertip began to light up!

He said delightfully, "Xian'Er, I have succeeded!"

Yixian smiled gently at him, "You are good..."

But the Goddess Aiel interrupted with a soft laugh, "Yi Ping is also another cheater. It is obviously he is already at the Seventh Cosmos Positioning. The next stage Revelation requires the practitioner to be as one with the heavens. Any practitioner that is able to reach the Heavens Positioning will surely be able to grasp the Revelation Stage."

When Yi Ping had heard her calling him a cheater, he immediately lost his concentration and all his lights on his fingertips got extinguished!

He sighed miserably, "Now I have to start over again..."

Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue, Han Lin and Ye Yin broke into jovial laughter as they chuckled!

"Poor Yi Ping!"

Yi Ping saw that the seven of them had also succeeded!

Lie Qing, Yunzi, Youxue and the Universal Old Man were the next to succeed!

Again a hundred percent success rate!

Yixian smiled, "The next step is a little difficult. It takes me quite a while to figure it out. For this Revelation is the divine state of the great empathy. To feel the heavens and the earth, an empathy over the vast boundless cosmos."

Yi Ping muttered, "To feel the vast boundless cosmos..."

He closed his eyes as he focused.



What was it?

All of a sudden Lingfeng whispered into his ears secretly, "Silly. It is almost similar to the Great Emptiness Translucence. You should be able to do it. Clear your thoughts as you listened with your eyes, see with your ears! Then you can be linked empathically with your surroundings!"

Yi Ping had a sudden realized as he muttered, "Thank you, Lingfeng..."

When he opened his eyes again, five of his fingertips were glowing!

He was absolutely delighted as he looked around him!

Lele, Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man, Ye Yin, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Shen Xingyue had also succeeded!

But Han Lin, Lie Qing, Youxue, and Yunzi were showing signs of disappointment and they seemed to have given it up!

Alice said quietly, "It is already good enough."

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "Guess our foundation is at Revelation."

Han Lin sighed softly, "So shall it be!"

Yixian said, "The next stage is the Heaven Eyes..."

Except for the Universal Old Man, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin, the rest had already awakened their Heaven Eyes.

Needless to say, the three of them were unable to advance further.

The Universal Old Man muttered, "So I am at the Heaven Eyes staging now."

Shen Xingyue smiled, "So I guess I will try to figure out myself then."

Ye Yin laughed softly as she winked at Lie Qing, "I am one immortal stage further than you, so it seems."

Lie Qing chuckled softly, "Don't be too happy yet. My martial skills are better suit to face the divine calamity than yours."

Ye Yin laughed, "We shall see then."

Now only Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lingfeng and Yi Ping were left.

It was obvious that just as the Goddess of Mercy had predicted earlier, some of them may be at the Primordial Core Immortal Stage!

Except for Lele, that was actually the furthest that they could go!

Yixian said gently, "Now we need to figure out a way to understand the Primordial Core Immortal Stage and advance to the next immortal stage."

Yi Ping nodded, "No hurry. Let's us be on our way first."

Lele blurred out, "Wait a minute. Who is going to show me how to light my seventh fingertip for the Primordial Core?"

Yixian smiled, "I haven't figured it out. Even if I have figured it out, I don't think I will be able to get pass this immortal stage. It seems like a big hurdle to overcome."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Actually we are all waiting for Lele to share with us."

Lele blinked her eyes several times, "I don't know either!"

She took a look at Aiel, Alice, Isa and Xiang, "Do you happen to know?"

Xiang smiled, "Unfortunately, we are all born immortals so we don't know either. But even if we do know, we won't tell you!"

Lele gave a stupefied expression...

Yi Ping laughed softly, "Lele, this Deific Divine Skill is to help us to track our immortal progression. It is not the real immortal practice itself. We still need to understand intimately each of the immortal stages."

Everyone nodded!

With the earlier experiments, Yi Ping knew that his Intricacy Focus and Linker Spirits were weaker than his Revelation and Heaven Eyes. So these were the areas that he had to improve upon!

All of a sudden the Goddess Celestial Alice turned ashen as she gave a stern warning, "Wait everyone, don't move first..."

Because there were too many of them and not enough time, it took them a while to heed Alice's warning but then it was already too late as the

entire passage began to shake violently!

Heavy metallic sounds could be heard booming in the distant and the entire passageway was creeping with malevolent aura!

Yi Ping asked panicky, "What is happening?!"

Alice replied weakly, "We have just triggered a defense formation. Be on our alert. We have company..."

Yi Ping did not wait for Alice to finish and he had already brandished his divine sword!

# Chapter 162: The Iron Formation

The entire passageway was shaking resounding with metallic echoes which was piercingly cold in the hearts of everyone!

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "There are so many passages to choose from that I have taken a random passage..."

Youxue was smiling weakly and comforting Yi Ping at the same time, "We are practicing the Deific Divine Skill while on the move. None of us really pay any heed to where we are going."

Yixian muttered weakly, "It is my fault..."

Alice said weakly to her, "Not really. The nearer we are to finding an entrance to the next floor, the more dangerous it is."

Lingfeng nodded nervously, "Whether it is life or death gate, we still have to face it eventually."

The Universal Old Man immediately said, "There is still time to turn back. There are several passages behind us. Combat trials are not rewarding at all and will only weaken us further."

The hallway of this passage was large. Even if the seventeen of them were to stand shoulder to shoulder, the width of this passage would fit them comfortably. It was because it was meant to fit gargantuan creatures!

Yi Ping had already danced to the foremost front as he readied the Celestial Alice in a defensive position, "I will delay the enemies ahead. If our enemies are too much..."

He stole a glance at Alice, Isa and Xiang, "...please flee. I will buy everyone the time."

The Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing and the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin leapt next to Yi Ping as they said together, "Yi Ping, we will fight with you!"

Lele had unsheathed the Divine Echo while the Celestial Yixian had

also unsheathed her Heavenly Tears Divine Sword!

Yunzi had raised her White Phoenix Divine Sword in a defensive stance while Youxue had stepped protectively in front of her.

Lingfeng, the Goddess Aiel, the Universal Old Man, Han Lin, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had formed a defensive line behind Yunzi but in front of the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy!

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy were sighing softly that today that they actually need others to fight their battles for them. They were secretly moved in their hearts even though they were expressionless and emotionless...

All of a sudden dozens of Iron Golems which were a head taller than Yi Ping had suddenly appeared, wielding short swords and shields!

Lingfeng gasped, "This is the deadly Iron Formation!"

The sight of so many Iron Golems marching together struck awe in the hearts of everyone!

The first thought that came into the minds of everyone was, "Can we win?"

Youxue immediately said, "There are exactly eighty-five of them!"

Yi Ping was startled that Youxue was able to count so fast!

Yunzi nodded and added, "It seems that there are five Iron Golems for each of us here."

Lingfeng smiled weakly, "Right. If our group is bigger, more of these Iron Golems will be here. This is a fifth degree formation and the numbers of spawning mobs are a multiple of five."

Shen Xingyue sighed softly, "No wonder numbers in strength have no effect in the Stellar Sanctuary and will only be a hindrance."

Lingfeng warned solemnly, "Be careful. These Iron Golems are impervious to most attacks. We should flee while we can..."

But Yi Ping had already charged headlong into one of the Iron Golems

and had slashed it apart with an exploding burst of his martial power!

Lingfeng was startled as she gasped to herself, “He can cut this monster apart with his martial strength...”

Even Alice, Isa and Xiang were slightly taken aback as evidenced by their expressions but they were soon praying hard for Yi Ping. It was because they knew that there was a limit to the number of martial power burst that Yi Ping could muster. Moreover this Iron Golem was caught unaware by him and had accidentally exposed an opening...

Yi Ping was startled by his sudden increase of martial strength when he had exercised his martial power. He had expected his martial strength to suffer due to excessive use of his martial power earlier against the Esper Formation and the artefact manifest monster.

Yet now with a sudden burst of his martial power, he had ripped this Iron Golem apart!

That was not the only change that had happened to him!

When he had exercised his martial power, the sense of fatigue had temporary departed from him and he felt so lightweight!

But he had no time to think because three other Iron Golems had attacked him on all sides, startling him!

It was because he had suddenly realized that he was being fooled by these slow moving Iron Golems; their attacks were on him in a blink of an eye!

YI Ping immediately raised the Celestial Alice as he blocked two of the attackers and exercised the Ultrapowerful Force with his left hand as he struck the third attacker on the chest with a powerful impact, sending it slightly off-balanced!

He was startled that the Iron Golem was able to take the blunt of the powerful Ultrapowerful Force without any ill-effect!

This Iron Golem immediately punched Yi Ping with its shield in retaliation and sent him flying backward!

These Iron Golems had an impervious body therefore they did not even need to defend itself and could focus on attacking!

Yixian, Lele, Lie Qing, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yixian, Yu'Er and Mei'Er immediately gasped after Yi Ping as they flew hastily to aid him!

Shen Xingyue had raised her Blue Heavens as she flashed and attacked one of the Iron Golem, repeatedly slashing it and causing sparks to blaze from the Iron Golem!

She was confident of her martial strength and the piercing sharpness of her Blue Heavens until she realized that she was only scratching the surface of the Iron Golem!

In desperation she displayed the Big Dipper Hands, causing the air around her to explode thunderously with her martial force. This had the effect of causing the Iron Golem to stumble slightly backward!

An opening!

She mustered all her martial strength as she pierced through the Iron Golem with her Blue Heavens, sliding her divine sword past the heavy shield and the exposed armor of the Iron Golem!

Just as she had thought that victory was hers to claim, the same Iron Golem had slammed her aside with its heavy shield!

Shen Xingyue coughed out blood as she was swept aside, leaving her stunned!

If she was not protected by her Divine Rejuvenation Force, she would have been killed instantly!

These Iron Golems were all capable of one hit kill any of the practitioners using their shields or swords!

She broke into a cold sweat as she realized that these monsters were not alive at all and would not even feel any pain!

She looked up only to see that the sword wound that she had just given the Iron Golem did not even have any effect on its mobility at all!

She was stunned as she thought, "Don't tell me that I have to use the

Big Dipper Hands to weaken their defenses each time. If these freaking monsters did not die first, I would have died of exhaustion first...”

Her Divine Rejuvenate Force was a powerful divine skill that could protect her and weaken her opponent at the same time. The drawback for this skill was that it was also extremely draining to use but it compensated itself by having the ability to feed the surrounding life forces of her opponents by gathering their martial force to herself.

But these Iron Golems did not emanate any life force and were non-living entity!

If she wanted to use the Divine Rejuvenate Force, then she had to pay for its heavy cost herself!

She quickly picked herself up and took several steps back even as several attacks were made against her, “Alas! Even a divine beast is easier for me than these Iron Golems...”

But she was not the only one having a hard time!

Lie Qing had sent several sword energy bursts at a group of Iron Golems and she was expecting for them to come apart but to her stunned surprise, these Iron Golems had absorbed her sword energies with nothing more than a few crack lines on them!

Lele had flown with lightning speed against one of the Iron Golem that Lie Qing had just struck with her Pandora Sword Energies. She immediately displayed half a dozen of fierce piercing and hacking attacks that were enhanced by her Celestial Force as she broke an Iron Golem apart!

They had taken down two Iron Golems!

But none of them could smile because there were still eighty-three more left!

Lele inhaled deeply as she broke through the encirclements of Iron Golems, “Lucky! I was almost trapped by them! This is so tiring!”

She quickly turned to urge Lie Qing, “Sister, hurry and assist me with



your sword energy attacks!”

Lie Qing blinked her eyes at Lele’s request as she muttered, “Someone please kill me...”

Sword energy attacks were not only demanding but taxing on the practitioner!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian was faring a little better. She had just hacked off the sword arm of an Iron Golem by executing several displays of the Icicle Sword Energies at point blank and was blocking the advance of five Iron Golems with the Absolute Defense Stance of her Divine Emerald Skill!

There were several golden halos that beamed across the blade of her Heavenly Tear Divine Sword when she displayed the Heaven Forward Stance as she pierced through the Iron Golem whose arm that she had just hacked off!

In that single split second, she had exercised her Eternal Heavenly Tears to her fullness martial power and becoming one with her divine sword as she sent bursting chilling sword energies to explode outward!

Immediately splintering cracks started to appear in the body of the Iron Golem as it exploded in all directions with a thunderous cold piercing explosion!

Three Iron Golems down and eighty-two more to go!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian continued to display several defensive and offensive stances against more of the Iron Golems!

There was no hint of her current emotions even though this fight was demanding and extracted a lot from her. She was as emotionless as these Iron Golems and continued to fight her best!

“The Iron Golems are many but they are too big and not all can fight me at the same time. I just need to make sure that there is always a room for me to maneuver.” Those were her only thoughts!

Ye Yin was cursing softly.

It took her several attempts as she hacked an Iron Golem with her Heavenly Despairing Divine Sword before she kicked the Iron Golem apart with a thunderous implosion!

Four Iron Golems down and eighty-one to go!

At the same time she had evaded several Iron Golems by moving rapidly!

She did not stay in a single position. To stand her ground would mean suicide for anyone, including for her!

“This...this is getting nowhere. They are too many...to think that I can be reduced to such a pathetic state!”

Mei’Er and Yu’Er combined their swordplay together as they took out one Iron Golem finally. But like the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin, it had taken them considerable effort!

Five Iron Golems down and eighty more to go!

Youxue and Yunzi had come to Yi Ping’s aid!

Youxue said warily, ““Ping’Er...these Iron Golems are impervious to exterior forces and even sword energies. We can’t hold them much longer. Maybe fleeing is a better option now!”

Yi Ping nodded, “Youxue, Yunzi, flee first. I hold them back!”

Leaning back to back against him, Yunzi said quietly as she raised her divine sword to slash an Iron Golem aside, “Ping’Er, I have a technique that may be useful. Maybe I can try it.”

But Yi Ping said solemnly as he split the Celestial Alice into two divine swords protectively around her, “No Yunzi. I know you are talking about the Inverting Eternal Occurrence.”

Yunzi gasped, “You know?”

The Inverting Eternal Occurrence was the most powerful sword technique and formation of the Immortal Saint of Swords!

Yi Ping answered breathlessly, “Since you are the chosen and you can

even display the Ley Negative Sword Techniques, it is not hard to guess that the Immortal Saint of Swords has also imparted to you the Inverting Eternal Occurrence. Indeed, it may be the only sword technique that can injure these Iron Golems but I plead with you. Please don't use it! It is obvious that the Inverting Eternal Occurrence is a sword technique from the Immortal Realm. You will be consumed by it if you use it. I really don't want anything to happen to you..."

Yunzi kept quiet.

Indeed Yi Ping had been right!

But if she did not use it then it would only be a matter of time before their whole party would be wiped out!

At the same time the Universal Old Man, the Heaviness Lingfeng, the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were fighting a dozen of the Iron Golems that had broken through the defense lines of the main defenders.

Lingfeng said panicky, "We mustn't let them reach Alice, Isa and Xiang. We got to protect them!"

The Goddess Aiel raised her martial power as she struggled against five Iron Golems who were hacking at her with short swords while raising their shields to batter her at the same time!

She panicky stepped back as she broke into cold sweat, "Help..."

Han Lin interrupted the nearest Iron Golem that was almost on the Goddess Aiel, "Mistress, aren't you an immortal? Why are you so weak?"

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, "Han Lin, now is not the time for this. Pay your full attention to our opponents first."

But she could not resist adding, "I am a peaceful immortal. That's why."

The Universal Old Man had suddenly come to the aid of the Goddess Aiel, "Watch out!"

The Goddess Aiel gasped softly as an imminent sword attack was knocked aside by the Universal Old Man's Ultrapowerful Force!

She had turned ashen, "Thank you..."

All of a sudden on the frontline, Yi Ping had given a great martial shout and it was immediately followed by several martial shockwaves!

Everyone was startled and as they looked in the direction of where Yi Ping was.

Where Yi Ping was standing, two more Iron Golems had suddenly collapsed into a pile of iron pieces next to him!

Before they could see what was really happening, Yi Ping had sprang forward again as he slashed apart two more Iron Golems seemingly like slicing tofu!

In a blink of an eye, he had executed hit, evade, movement, jump, block, parry as he raised his two divine swords to slash through the columns of Iron Golems!

Twelve Iron Golems immediately exploded into iron fragments and fell apart, one after the other!

Yixian gasped, "The Perfect Swordplay!"

But Yi Ping's Perfect Swordplay seemed to be even faster than usual and he had cut down the Iron Golem without being slowing down!

Even for immortals, taking down one of the Iron Golems would take considerable effort especially that all these Iron Golems were like solid armor and their shield guard technique caused them to be temporary impervious to even their divine swords.

In short, unless they could find an opening and had exercised their full martial strength, they could not even pierce through the body of these Iron Golems!

And even if they could do it, they still had to expend considerable skill, mental willpower and martial strength to avoid the sharp exploding fragments when an Iron Golem finally 'died'!

Yi Ping gave another martial shout all of a sudden; he had suddenly slashed across a company of Iron Golems with the Heavens Encompassing Stroke with the Celestial Antonym Alice and destroying

five of the Iron Golems with a single technique!

Now the Celestial Antonym Alice was the heavier of the Celestial Alice. The divine power of the Celestial Antonym Alice was its ability to enhance heavy martial power techniques and this caused the power of the Heavens Encompassing Stroke to be enhanced as though it was the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Strike!

Everyone was astonished and did not know what was exactly happening right now!

It was because...

Just as Yi Ping was getting desperate and his martial strength was faltering, he had suddenly realized that these Iron Golems were not as simple as he had initial thought.

They were all in the super exponent class and if anyone thought that these Iron Golems were slow moving then they were surely making a great mistake!

It was because these Iron Golems were actually counterattacking with the principle of immobile against the mobile; the first to attack would have opening and instead of becoming the first to strike would become the first to be strike!

To explain it in greater detail, the first second of a strike was the strongest and it was also when the martial strength was the strongest. After extending it out, the strength and accuracy began to weaken!

Therefore these Iron Golems would immediately counterattack with its short swords with devastating effects when the opponent's ability to defend had also weakened as a result of an extended attack!

Now this was very similar to the quick draw techniques of the Virtuous Palace and the techniques that the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin was using!

Faced with such deadly and organized martial formation, everyone's offensives were not able to bring into full play!

Yi Ping broke into a cold sweat as he raised the Celestial Antonym Alice

and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he attacked and fended in quick successive while desperately thinking of a solution!

Just as he muttered out to Youxue and Yunzi, “Run! These Iron Golems are too overwhelming...” Alice had suddenly whispered to him via her Great Divine Whisper, “Yi Ping, don’t be afraid. Surely you can do better than this. If the Dark Chaos Lord is here, what will he do? If we are fighting with you, what will we do?”

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, “What will Alice, Isa and Xiang do?”

“What will the Dark Chaos Lord do?”

What Alice meant to say to him was obvious. If they were not in their pathetic state, they would surely be able to overcome this Iron Formation!

But how?

Yi Ping immediately focused with his Absolute Spirits, fighting off the Iron Golems while thinking what Alice had just said to him...

He began to recall his first encounter with the Goddess Isa; he was in the midst of a battle with the Martial Deviant Clan and her allies that numbered into thousands. She had shown up without fear and had even destroyed the Eight Trigram Formless Formation of the Brilliant Access Clan effortlessly by going after a single target at a time!

Yi Ping furrowed his eyes thoughtfully when he had remembered that scene...

Alice whispered alluringly to him, “Is that the best that you are do? Do you still remember how you have stopped the Black Kirin? These Iron Golems are far weaker than that Black Kirin. They may be many but they are after all just mere numbers. You have the divine strength of the Kirin’s blood and the Essential Righteous Energy of the Great God Pangu. Are you even using them?”

She paused briefly before adding, “And the martial strength of your Seventh Heaven Cosmos Positioning is not to be underestimated. Are you using them? Is this your limit already? Then I am really disappointed in you!”

Yi Ping began to tremble lightly at her words...

She continued, "Why are you hesitating? Use all you can. Surely you can do better than that. The Esper Formation is much more difficult than this and you have persisted!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly at the mention of the Esper Formation. Precisely because he had did his best against the Esper Formation that he was now drained...

Alice whispered gently, "Remember your first strike!"

Her whispering soon became melancholy, "I don't want to be a consort to a loser. The man of my heart has to be a hero!"

Yi Ping gritted his teeth!

In all his battles he had never hesitated before, doing his best until he had dropped dead. But after he had stepped into the Stellar Sanctuary, he had learnt caution and restraint!

If he had to fight then he had to fight as like before!

One tiny doubt or holding back was a big discount to the strength of the martial practitioner. In the past because Yi Ping had no hesitations, he was able to go beyond his limits many times and his progressions were rapid.

But it was easy said than done. Only an exceptional person like Yi Ping was able to fight his best under the most severe of conditions!

Fear, fatigue, mental stress, injuries, courage, endurance were just a few factors that affected the peak performance of a practitioner. To sum it up, there were hundreds of reasons and conditioning to be taken into factor!

Yi Ping gave a loud martial shout as he mustered his martial strength again!

His eyes had turned a deep beautiful golden as he drawn upon the martial strength of the Seventh Heaven Cosmos!

At the same time, he forgot his fatigue and pain as he mustered his entire martial power with his Boundless Divine Force!

At first he had difficulty mustering it to its peak because he had already used too much of his martial power in earlier battles but at the most crucial mustering, he had succeeded and an overwhelming martial force began to envelop around him!

Yi Ping was startled because it seemed that the martial power of Boundless Divine Force had advanced and was even stronger than before!

He did not know that when he was using his martial power to cancel out the explosive projectiles of the Esper Formation, he had unwittingly distributed the Essential Righteous Energy into all his vital energy channels!

In a way the Esper Formation had unwittingly aided him by distributing and reabsorbing the Essential Righteous Energy into his martial power!

If Yi Ping did not distribute it in time, he could only use the Essential Righteous Energy when he projected his martial power as an added martial strength.

But instead now, by distributing the Essential Righteous Energy into his various vital energy channels, his strength, power, internal strength, reflexes, speed, precision and senses had all enhanced!

But there was no time for Yi Ping to utilize his new potential at the moment.

But again because of this, Yi Ping had forced himself to drawn upon this new potential much earlier. Because his willpower was absolute, he could do so and once again, broke another martial limit and it had the effect of increasing his seven martial levels tremendously!

That was when everyone was startled when suddenly two of the Iron Golems were slashed apart by Yi Ping like tofu and exploding into shattering iron fragments!

That was not all.

Before his party could really reacted what was actually happening, Yi Ping had displayed the Perfect Swordplay in a continuous flux of startling sword movements, blocking and attacking at the same time as he



rampaged through tens of Iron Golems and destroying twelve more of the Iron Golems!

The Universal Old Man gasped shockingly as he glanced at Yi Ping, “What is it? He is like a Warrior-God...”

Even the Goddess Celestial Alice was stunned!

She began to tremble as she collapsed into the embraces of the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy.

The Goddess Isa was stunned as she asked Alice, “What did you really say to him that caused him to become...so...”

She paused to find words before adding, “...so freaking awesome all of a sudden?”

The Goddess of Mercy was like jelly as she watched Yi Ping. Like Alice, she almost could not stand straight as she gasped shockingly, “Not just freaking awesome. His martial level is now on par with the Heavenly Kings!”

She stared at Alice, “What actually did you say to him?”

Alice replied shyly, “I say I will divorce him if he is not going to buck up.”

The Goddess Isa exclaimed enviously, “Oh really?”

Everyone was shocked at the sudden martial display of Yi Ping as another fourteen Iron Golems were destroyed in just a few blinks of an eye!

This created several opening and space for them as they hastily stepped out of danger and gave them the opportunity to give each other aid!

Yixian said sternly, “Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Lele, Lie Qing, Youxue, Yunzi! Don’t waste this chance that Ping’Er has created for us. Continue to hold them back! Xingyue...Ye Yin...”

Shen Xingyue immediately understood Yixian’s intention, “I will go help the back!”

Ye Yin however was surrounded by several Iron Golems and were in a dangerous position therefore she had not heard Yixian...

Shen Xingyue had flashed to the back as she slashed against an Iron Golem that was almost on Han Lin!

Han Lin heaved a soft sigh of relief, "Thank goodness you are here!"

Lingfeng was smiling weakly, "What takes you so long..."

Shen Xingyue smiled weakly, "I almost got trapped..."

All of a sudden five more Iron Golems were destroyed by Yi Ping's Heavens Encompassing Stroke and exploded with a thunderous martial burst of shockwaves!

The Goddess Aiel was stunned, "What is going on? I think I am going to faint..."

Lie Qing was also stunned, "Is that my Yi Ping?"

Ye Yin was looking at Yi Ping delightedly, "My righteous hero...my protégé master is right...I am right..."

While everyone was gasping with shock, Yi Ping was struggling with his faltering strength!

His speed attacks, his movements and the released of his martial power were taking a toll on his body!

He could feel his trembling arms and shaking hands already!

But his first thought was not on giving it up as he hacked two more Iron Golem into pieces, "There are still so many. I need more strength and speed!"

The reasons that he could hack these Iron Golems to pieces were not because of his martial strength only but also because he had increased his attacking speed!

Earlier in a blink of an eye, he could hack an Iron Golem six times but now in the same blink of an eye, he was able to hack and slash twelve times!

A thought suddenly came into Yi Ping, “The Asper Continuum Horizon Hand!”

“What if I can make use of the martial speed of the Asper Continuum Horizon Hand to increase my speed of my swordplay attacks? Can I?”

Without even pausing to consider a second longer, Yi Ping had already expended his remaining martial strength for the Asper Continuum Horizon. He knew that he was nearing his limit because his vital flow was now reversing and black blood was now foaming from his mouth but he did not care anymore!

He muttered, “Is that the best that my Seventh Cosmos Positioning can do...”

A burst of golden radiance had suddenly burst forth from his shoulder!

But instead of splitting his martial power into martial force to execute his palm attacks, Yi Ping used that martial force to lift himself up as he continued to rampage through the columns of Iron Golems with the continuous attack flux of his Perfect Swordplay!

It seemed like his sword attack had suddenly split into four with each slash!

Instead of requiring twelve slashes to destroy an Iron Golem, Yi Ping now required three slashes!

Instead of destroying the usual two Iron Golems in a blink of an eye, Yi Ping had destroyed eight Iron Golems!

Everyone was gasping!

Lele stared at Yi Ping, “What swordplay is it?!”

This improvisation version of the Perfect Swordplay was still unnamed!

The Asper Continuum Horizon Hand was short lived and could only persist for three quick blink of an eye. But that was enough for Yi Ping to take down twenty-four of these Iron Golems!

Yi Ping coughed out blood as he staggered dully!

He had unfortunately reached his limit!

“Is that the best that I can do...” He muttered weakly to himself, “This is not the result that I want...”

Altogether he had taken down fifty-six of the Iron Golems all by himself!

“You have already done very well. Leave the rest to us.”

A gentle hand was also supporting him!

Yi Ping looked up to see that it was Yixian who was supporting him gently!

Yixian smiled gently to Yi Ping, “Look in front of you!”

Her eyes were beaming not with sadness but with hope!

Yi Ping strained to focus his eyesight and he was startled to see the last group of the Iron Golems had fallen by the combined assault of Lele, Lie Qing, Lingfeng, Yunzi, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er!

Inspired by Yi Ping and because the number of Iron Golems had also been greatly reduced, everyone had launched a fierce counterattack!

They had won!

They had destroyed the Iron Formation utterly!

Yi Ping soon found himself surrounded by everyone as everyone began to ask him excitedly, “Yi Ping, what swordplay is that? You have become so strong now!”

Lele and Yunzi were secretly thinking on their own, “I have almost used that technique...”

He smiled gently at them because he was glad that they were all alright and his blood was fired by their concerns for him!

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled gently, “You have all forgotten something. If you don’t want to claim your rewards then I am going to lay claims to it!”

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, “I am about to say that too.”

Everyone gasped!

At the center of the passage was a dark metallic ore.

Everyone was gasping, “The Heavenly Relic!”

This was no ordinary Heavenly Relic!

From the look of it, it looked like a superior Heavenly Relic. The darker the ore, the more refined it was when it was made into a divine artefact!

Ye Yin smiled, “What a rare drop. From the look of it, this Heavenly Relic may be able to be refined into a divine sword!”

Yunzi smiled, “What a rare find. But we have seventeen of us here so how are we going to divide it in a fair manner? What about next time?”

It was a tease but Yunzi was right!

Even if many of them already had a divine sword on their own, the desire to own another divine sword was strong even though they could only divine harmonized with only one divine sword!

Yixian said quietly, “Even though we are many but we have all look up to Yi Ping as our leader. Why don’t we let Yi Ping decides how to distribute this loot and future loot? What does the newly arrival have to say about this?”

She smiled gently at Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Celestial Alice.

Yu’Er smiled, “Of course I am perfectly alright with it!”

Mei’Er winked at Yi Ping, “Naturally we are alright with it. But I am not sure about the rest who are not so close with Yi Ping!”

The Goddess of Mercy said shyly, “Who says I am not close to him? I am alright with Yi Ping being the leader and distributing the loot on our behalf. I don’t really care much for these pathetic loots other than the ones on the top levels.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, “Indeed there are plenty of enticing loots at the upper levels. Since the majority of you have already picked Yi

Ping as the leader, this shouldn't be a contentious issue at all."

Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue and the Goddess Isa were smiling. They had no disagreement with letting Yi Ping taking the leadership role!

Yi Ping said awkwardly after he had kept the dark ore, "Let's us hurry. This place isn't safe to stay."

Everyone nodded as they exchanged encouraging looks with each other!

"Let's go!"

And they were all soon on the move!

Yixian whispered to him, "Ping'Er, you...are alright? You really don't want to take a rest?"

Lingfeng laughing softly, "He is a wooden block and won't feel pain or tired. We shouldn't show him too much concern lest he will forget his place!"

Though she had said that, she was quietly transferring her internal strength to him via her Divine Invigorating Force.

At the same time Shen Xingyue was also by his side to aid him with her Divine Rejuvenation Force.

Yi Ping muttered, "Xian'Er, Xingyue..."

All of a sudden they halted in their steps!

It was because the passage had expanded into a huge hallway and there were four passages in front of them!

Indeed in front of them were four imposing shimmering gates but no one could see beyond it!

Youxue asked, "Which way should we take now?"

Yi Ping was pondering the same question too!

Alice immediately said, "This is easy."

Yi Ping was startled, "You know the way Alice?"

Alice shook her head, "But I do know where these passages will be

leading us.”

Yi Ping asked, “Oh?”

Alice pointed to the passage on the extreme left side, “This passage is the easiest. It will lead us one level up the Stellar Sanctuary. The next passage will lead us three levels up the Stellar Sanctuary. The one next to it will lead us six levels ahead while the passage on the right will lead us nine levels up the Stellar Sanctuary.”

The Heaviness Lingfeng exchanged a quick look with the Universal Old Man before she stepped forward to ask, “How do you know? We have been to the Stellar Sanctuary so many times and we always thought that these passages are an endless split?”

The Universal Old Man stammered, “That is right! What makes you say so?”

Alice smiled gently, “You must know that on our very first trip, I have already been to the ninety level of the Stellar Sanctuary. But of course that is not why I am familiar with the layout of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

Everyone was gasping as they interrupted her with looks of disbelief, “The ninety level of the Stellar Sanctuary!?”

It was because they were all still on the lower levels of the Stellar Sanctuary and they had all almost died from it!

Alice smiled weakly, “But that is already my limit. Moreover it is easier to explore the Stellar Sanctuary on my own than with a big group which will increase the difficulty tremendously. From the Artefact Core of the Stellar Sanctuary, I know that the way up to the Stellar Sanctuary has a fixed pattern after a defense formation is overcome and it is always numbered one, three, six and nine.”

Lingfeng gasped with understanding, “So that is why.”

The Universal Old Man laughed heartily, “So where we are now? I am a little lost.”

It was because this place had no marking to indicate its level as it was a

hidden in the mountains!

Alice said coolly, "This is actually the twentieth level. Till now, I am surprised that your group is able to find this place. That is because it is easier to find the next level of the Stellar Sanctuary than to find the secret passage that enables the practitioner to skip a full ten levels. Even for me, it is impossible for me to find it all the time or else this place won't be a trial for both immortals and celestials alike."

It seemed that every tenth level was the magic number!

Yi Ping had remembered that they had skipped a full tenth level as well...

Youxue muttered, "So this is the twentieth level. So where passage should we take now?"

Most of them were waiting for Yi Ping to make a decision but they were mostly looking at the passage on their left which was the one that could lead them one level ahead in the Stellar Sanctuary. It was because they were all drained from the earlier battle and they could only imagine how difficult it would be if they advance to the higher levels of the Stellar Sanctuary!

More than half of their group were now invalids and without any martial strength, including Yi Ping!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian asked gently, "Ping'Er, what do you say? After all, you are the leader."

But Yi Ping was staring at the four shimmering passage as he muttered, "There are four passages here because the entire Stellar Sanctuary is arranged according to the trigram formation, am I right?"

Lingfeng laughed jovially at him, "You illiterate fellow. A trigram has eight openings and not four!"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose weakly, "Actually I do know. But what I am trying to say is that there shouldn't be four passages here but five!"

Lingfeng asked, "What do you mean?"



Yi Ping said quietly as he looked at the imposing empty wall on the most extreme right side, "What is inside the trigram formation? It is the five element formation. The inner workings of the Stellar Sanctuary have to be structured accordingly to the five elements. So there must be a fifth passage here!"

He had drawn out the Celestial Alice and had slashed across the white celestium wall with a mighty burst of his martial force!

Immediately the hallway was shrouded in a cloud of dust but what was behind the wall that Yi Ping had just struck was equally startling!

A fifth passageway had been revealed!

Alice gasped, "How did you know?"

The Heaveness Lingfeng was also dumbfounded, "A secret passageway!"

Yi Ping replied quietly, "If I am not wrong then this secret passage will lead us eighteen levels ahead to the thirty-eight level of the Stellar Sanctuary!"

Yunzi smiled, "But surely we are not going to take this passage, am I right?"

Lingfeng stared at Yi Ping, "When have you become so smart all of a sudden?"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "Because he is a badass rascal!"

Lele, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue were exchanging startled looks!

Yu'Er muttered, "Why is that I have such a bad feeling about this?"

Mei'Er was looking at Yi Ping, "Surely not! Or he will be such a bad leader!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly at Yu'Er and Mei'Er, "Only Yu'Er and Mei'Er can read my mind..."

Lingfeng gave Yi Ping a hard kick, "You are crazy!"

Han Lin immediately protested, "I request that we have a re-nomination of the party leader immediately!"

The Goddess Aiel was smiling weakly, “I am going to faint...”

# Chapter 163: The Predestined Eighteen

They had all just stepped through the shimmering portal and found themselves in another enormous hallway!

This enormous hallway was grander than the previous hallways that they had seen in the Stellar Sanctuary, floor thirty-eight of the Stellar Sanctuary!

Lele was a little disappointment, “Not another dark and miserable hallway! I am already missing the flowers and the drifting clouds that are outdoors!”

Youxue smiled weakly, “I like the interior better.”

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin laughed softly, “This may be madness but it is also interesting!”

Han Lin stared blankly at her, “You are as crazy as Yi Ping!”

Ye Yin laughed softly. She did not mind at all.

Ye Yin had expended only a little of her martial strength so far and had quickly recovered. But even if she had lost her combat ability, she would still be as gutsy as ever or else she would not be Ye Yin and would not be one of the seven top celestial fighters!

She simply was game enough for challenges!

Ye Yin shot her a question, “Aren’t you a Dragon Practitioner? Where is your dragon guts?”

Han Lin replied weakly, “You...”

She quickly hummed coldly, “No wonder you have no friends. I don’t see you having anyone to talk to!”

Ye Yin hummed coldly, “Who cares about having friends?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had raised no objections.

It was not because they had thought that this was a wise decision but

because they had long put the fear of death behind them. Even if they were pushed off a cliff, they would still be as composed as ever and would react accordingly!

If that was Yi Ping decision, then they simply adjusted their will to follow his will!

The same went for the Goddess Aiel!

The Heaviness Lingfeng muttered weakly as she gave Yi Ping another kick, "I can't believe that we have actually chosen to enter this passage..."

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "Lingfeng, you have been kicking me till now. You are not tired at all?"

Lingfeng hummed coldly as she raised her alluring eyes at him, "If it is you, I will never get tired!"

Yu'Er stepped panicky in front of Lingfeng to shield Yi Ping, "Yi Ping has already explained to us. No matter which passageway we are going to take, it won't be easy for us. But if we take the most difficult ones, we have a higher chance of avoiding our opponents."

Lingfeng replied, "That is just his warped logic. He must have taken too much of a beating and he had a screw loose in his head somewhere. I can't believe that all of you will actually agree with him!"

Mei'Er smiled, "Sister Lingfeng, don't be angry alright? Or Yi Ping won't like you anymore."

Lingfeng sighed, "Mei'Er, do you have any idea how difficult the Stellar Sanctuary is from the thirty floors onwards? Moreover our group is really big..."

Mei'Er answered, "But what can we do? Our only hope is the Goddess Asura but we don't even know where she is now. Even Ziyan..."

Alice gave a sudden cough. Clearly, that name was only reserved for the privilege of Yi Ping!

She quickly corrected herself to address her by her title, "...even the Goddess Celestial Alice doesn't know where she is now."

Alice said quietly, "We are supposed to move up the Stellar Sanctuary from different positions to harass the immortals and we did not make any contingency plans. It is because we doubt that any groups of immortals would be able to make their way to the very top."

Yi Ping asked gently, "If you can make your way to the upper levels the last time, surely the other Immortals are able to do so too?"

Alice smiled weakly, "No that is impossible. That is only because I have a map of the Stellar Sanctuary to circumvent the most dangerous route."

Yi Ping asked, "Do you still have the map now?"

Alice gave a weak smile, "It is useless now."

Yi Ping was startled, "Why so?"

Alice answered, "If we are outside then I may be able to identify the route to the higher levels. But now we are within the internal citadels of the Stellar Sanctuary. There is no map at all. In short, we are lost and have to use all our wisdom to navigate through now."

Yi Ping began to sigh melancholy, "Is that so?"

That was a question that he had posed to himself!

Alice took a shy look at Yi Ping, "You are afraid now? You wish for an easy trial?"

Yi Ping smiled, "I don't think that it will be any easier outside than in here."

Alice smiled, "You are wise. Knowing the way doesn't make the trials any easier."

Yi Ping gave a soft sigh...

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, "I can't believe that we are now on the thirty-eight level of the Stellar Sanctuary. If this goes on, we will be at the top in no time. And we have only taken one week. You shouldn't be gloomy or fearful. At most we just have to find a safe place to recuperate first and our martial strength will surely recover in no time!"

The Heaviness Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man and the Goddess Aiel who had been to the Stellar Sanctuary previously could not help but gave a weak smile; it was because there was no safe place in the Stellar Sanctuary especially from level thirtieth floor onward!

All of a sudden the Goddess Aiel was melancholy as she called out to everyone, "Everyone, come over here!"

Everyone was startled but they nevertheless gathered around her.

She had taken out her pouch as she began to distribute the pills that was inside to everyone, "All my precious pills...my precious..."

But she quickly said, "Even though my pills may not be able to help much at this stage but it is better than nothing."

Alice looked at her and her eyes were full of appreciation, "Thank you..."

Isa sighed softly, "Not Again. I am forever in your debt, Aiel..."

The Goddess of Mercy said, "I did bring my own pills but yours is much better...thank you..."

Han Lin muttered, "Mistress, you are the best!"

The Universal Old Man sighed secretly to himself, "Aiel is such a kind maiden without peer..."

The Goddess Aiel sighed softly, "These are the last of my divine pills already..."

These divine pills had taken her a long time to concoct and it supposed to last her throughout the trip to the Stellar Sanctuary but now all her pills were finished in less than one week!

Yi Ping had immediately taken out the dark ore that they had found earlier and placed it gently into her hands, "It is for you. I know that it is really difficult to compensate you..."

Han Lin was startled, "It is more than enough to compensate her. You are really going to give it to her?"

Everyone was also gasping!

The Universal Old Man naturally was on the side of the Goddess Aiel, “Ping’Er! That is the right thing to do!”

The Goddess Aiel clashed her hands to her bosoms but she did not reach out for the dark ore as she muttered almost incoherent, “But if...I take this treasure first...then...won’t I will miss out on...the...better artefacts...that are to be found...later...”

But Yi Ping smiled, “Don’t worry. Take this first. We should give you something in return for your troubles. This won’t be counted against you when we have more loot in the future.”

The Goddess Aiel was delighted, “Really!”

Yi Ping nodded again, “That is right. I am sure the others have no objections...”

Lingfeng interjected with sarcasm, “He is indeed generous!”

Lie Qing laughed jovially, “Indeed!”

Youxue sighed softly, “Extremely generous!”

Shen Xingyue could not resist adding, “No wonder he is as poor as hell. Sisters, we must not let him handle the finances in future or we will surely regret it!”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he protested immediately, “Xingyue, that is two different matters entirely. Aiel really helps us a lot...”

Shen Xingyue was unhappy that Yi Ping was defending Aiel so she added sarcastically, “Since she has helped you so much then why don’t you take her as your consort? Then you don’t have to worry about repaying anything to her. Good for us and good for you!”

When Aiel had heard that she began to flush with a deep flustering red!

Yi Ping protested immediately, “Xingyue, Aiel helps us so much already. This is the least that we can give to her. It is a matter of honor. As the saying says, a gentleman should always repay what he has owes...”

Shen Xingyue smiled coldly, “Unfortunately, only you are a gentleman and we are not! We are ladies!”

Yi Ping sighed softly, "That is only a metaphor. Everyone should strive to be a gentleman..."

The Goddess Aiel muttered shyly, "Yi Ping, I don't mmm..."

But she was quickly interrupted by Han Lin who winked at her, "Mistress!"

The Goddess Aiel quickly kept mum. It was because she had caught Han Lin's hint to keep quiet for the time being. That was because if she declares her intention first then she would have earned enmities from Yi Ping's consorts.

So if she wanted to win over Yi Ping then she must play the part of a vulnerable and generous maiden.

She stole a glance at Yixian and an idea had formed in her mind; first she got to win over the Celestial Fairy Yixian to her side first!

Han Lin interrupted her, "Um mistress, what is this prophecy about the Great God and the three consorts that will share the three realms with him? What about the rest then?"

Immediately all the maidens stopped in their tracks as they looked at the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin as though they were all waiting for them to finish!

Han Lin noticed their expressions immediately. So she raised her voice, "Don't look at me like this. I am just being curious, you know."

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "Let us be on our move and find a place to rest first..."

But none of the maidens including the Celestial Fairy Yixian seemed to be paying heed to him!

Lie Qing smiled to the Goddess Aiel, "Good sister, why don't you tell us a little more. What will happen to the rest of the Great God's consorts or there are only three?"

They were all thinking, "If only three consorts are predestined then does it mean that none of us would live to ascend to the Immortal Realm?"



This was a thought that shivered their hearts!

After all, it was well known that the attrition rate for the celestial practitioners that failed to overcome their tribulations were astonishingly high.

So if the predestined Great God would only have three consorts, it was not at all surprising.

Youxue said coldly, "Go on and share with us. We don't mind hearing about it."

Yunzi said quietly, "We are in the same group now? Why don't you share with us some interesting tidbits about the Great God?"

Lele said coldly, "Hmph! I will sooner castrate Yi Ping than..."

Both Lie Qing and Yixian interrupted her, "Lele!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly and he had broken out in cold sweat at the thought of being castrated...

The Goddess Aiel smiled bitterly, "Even though the prophecy states that only the first three of his future consorts that acknowledge him first as the Great God will partition the Three Known Realms with him but the Great God will have other consorts."

Lele asked curiously and her malevolent air debated slightly, "Really?"

Yu'Er gasped softly, "You are telling the truth?"

Mei'Er was delighted as she heaved a sigh of relief!

The Goddess Aiel nodded, "Right, right. The Great God will be acquainted with nine maidens from the lower realm and nine maidens from the upper realm. These eighteen are destined to be his soulmates and future consorts. The Great God will have many tribulations to overcome but these eighteen maidens will be destined by heavens to aid him. That is all to this prophecy."

Youxue gasped with shock, "Eighteen..."

The Goddess Aiel nodded, "That is right. However, being the consorts of

the Great God is not easy either. Their trials and tribulations will be equally punishing.”

Lingfeng stared coldly at Yi Ping, “So the Great God is nothing but a lecherous man!”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he pretended to look away!

The Goddess Aiel said panicky, “Not a lecherous man but a Great God...”

Lingfeng stared coldly at the Goddess Aiel, “Why are you defending him for? You want to be one of the eighteen? You can have my place!”

The Goddess Aiel said panicky, “I dare not. But this place is the domain of the Great God. We ought to be careful not to offend him...”

Lingfeng immediately shut up. She had almost forgotten about it!

Yunzi smiled, “Oh well, if Yi Ping is the Great God then the number is just about right. There are nine of us from the lower realm that is accompanying him now. But I can’t say about the other nine maidens!”

Youxue said quietly as she looked around her, “At least three maidens are already confirmed if that is the truth. They are the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy!”

Everyone began to take a look in the direction of Alice, Isa and Xiang!

But the three of them were totally expressionless as though they did not hear or see anything!

The truth was that they were secretly blushing with embarrassment beneath their extremely cool composure!

But they chose to pretend not to see or hear anything!

Yi Ping said, “That is enough already. Let’s go...”

But again, everyone including the Universal Old Man was not paying any heed to him!

Lie Qing tapped her foot lightly as she said coldly, “It is because they have secretly stolen a march on everyone by acknowledging Yi Ping as the

Great God to fulfill this prophecy!”

Ye Yin immediately protested enchantingly, “Hey, have you forgotten that Shi Shi and I are also Yi Ping’s consorts? That makes at least five!”

Lie Qing did not answer her but said, “I guess that clear up what we want to know. Let’s us go now!”

Immediately, Lele, Youxue, Yunzi, Mei’Er and Yu’Er nodded; they had gathered around Yi Ping happily as they said aloud at the same time, “Let’s go!”

Yi Ping was shaking his head, “Our fate is in our hands. We mustn’t trust these prophecies. How can I be the Great God? Moreover I don’t have any infinite wisdom. There is always a superior man and heavens above!”

But the Axis Heaven Goddess Mei’Er called out playfully, “Great God Yi Ping! If I say you are, then you are!”

The Eclipse Heaven Goddess smiled shyly to him, “No matter. We have already waited thousands of years for you. In our heart, nothing else is important!”

Ye Yin was bewildered by their actions as she called after them, “Hey wait!”

Shen Xingyue smiled weakly to her, “Ye Yin, let it go. They can’t be bothered anymore.”

Ye Yin was baffled, “What do you mean?”

Shen Xingyue sighed softly, “Since they have already known that they are the predestined nine maidens from the lower realm, their positions as consorts are already cemented. So why then must they enquire about the others?”

Ye Yin was speechless, “These selfish...”

But she quickly shut herself when Yu’Er and Mei’Er had suddenly turned around to wink at her!

That was because the Eclipse Heaven Goddess and the Axis Heaven

Goddess were her seniors in the Holy Ascension Sect!

She sighed softly before smiling, "I am already his consort now. So why must I think so much?"

She took around to wink at the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin!

Han Lin gave the Goddess Aiel a pitiful look, "Mistress, why is that I think that we are in the company of wolves and vultures?"

The Goddess Aiel smiled bitterly, "I...have the same feeling as well!"

The Universal Old Man hastily defended himself, "I am certainly not wolf or vulture..."

But before he could finish defending himself, Han Lin and Aiel had hastily walked away!

The Universal Old Man murmured, "I haven't even finished yet..."

Lingfeng laughed alluringly, "She doesn't seem to be interested in you!"

The Universal Old Man laughed heartily, "In the past, she is and I used to think that she is like a pest that is bothering me."

Lingfeng sighed softly, "You ingrate. Why must we only start to sorely miss the people that are around us when they are gone?"

The Universal Old Man sighed, "If we don't continue the path of cultivation, we will surely die. If I don't seek enlightenment back then, I wouldn't be one of the seven top Ancient Celestials and I wouldn't have met her again..."

Lingfeng gave him a frustrating kick, "I seem to remember that you are already an unfathomable fighter before we ascend to the Celestial Realm! You are just an unromantic old fellow!"

All of a sudden the entire hallway began to shake violently and it seemed that it was actually moving!

Yi Ping and the maidens that were around him were startled as they immediately exercised their martial strength to steady themselves!

Lele asked panicky, "What is going on here?"

Alice smiled, "The Stellar Sanctuary is reshaping itself."

Lingfeng nodded, "There is nothing to worry about. The higher the level that we are in, the more frequent the Stellar Sanctuary will rearrange itself."

The Universal Old Man nodded and called out to everyone, "Let's wait a little longer first. It is dangerous to be on the move while the hallways are still shifting."

Yi Ping nodded quietly as he looked at everyone...

Did he make the correct decision?

The state of their party was really bad. If they encounter another combat trial then they would not be able to survive. Moreover they were eighteen levels ahead and were on the thirty-eight level now.

But he also knew that if they took their own sweet time then they have to face even more trials and none of the trials would be easy. In the end, they would be drained both physically and mentally!

But no matter what, he was determined to protect all of them!

Whatever the cost that it would take him!

# Chapter 164: Divine Revelations of the Darkwords

The hallways had stopped rumbling and it was soon dead silence again.

Yi Ping coughed weakly as he stood up.

He was quickly followed by everyone, one after the other; it was time for them to be on the move again!

The Heaveness Lingfeng whispered softly to him, "Are you alright?"

Yi Ping nodded weakly, "I am alright."

Lingfeng was aching with heartache for him, "I don't believe. Look at you. You can't even walk straight. I bet that you are in pain and every part of your body must be aching."

Because the two of them were linked together by the Great Emptiness Translucence, they had also shared the same empathy. The two of them did not need words to share their heartfelt sentiments for each other.

But of course it was also due to Lingfeng's natural ability to inherently express her thoughts with her expressions.

Yi Ping was grinning as he offered a suggestion to her, "Maybe you have been kicking me too hard lately?"

That was obviously a tease; her kicks were light and full of affections. Absolutely not painful at all!

Lingfeng raised her alluring eyebrows as she stormed off with a shy smile, "Humph! You certainly look well enough! I am...not going to shower you with my care anymore!"

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Han Lin broke into soft chuckles and the rest of the group were looking at them with envy. It was because none of them could share this type of intimacy with Yi Ping as the Heaveness.

Yi Ping stared shyly at this stunning beauty with a broad grin. It seemed that Lingfeng always had a knack in touching his soft spot and making

him forget his pain.

She was actually the main reason why he was in the Stellar Sanctuary and why he was in the Celestial Realm!

She knew it and he knew it so there was no need for them to spell it out.

When Lingfeng was within his sight, his heart would always burn fiercely for her and he would not let her come into harm's way!

But he was soon asking himself, "I must secure the Immortal Practice of the Dark Chaos Lord no matter how hard it is. With the names of the Immortal Practice now, I am sure we may eventually develop a practice but for my protégé master and Lingfeng, they are running out of time..."

"But even if I manage to find the Dark Chaos Lord's Immortal Practice, will it be too late?"

It was because breaking through from one state of divinity to the next state of divinity was not an easy thing...

Some practitioners could spend their entire life pondering the divine state of the weaponless practitioner, weapon in the heart and never achieve anything!

So what if the theories behind the names were known? Was it possible for a practitioner to truly grasp the heart and soul of the immortal state?

If it was so easy to become an immortal practitioner then, why was it that none had ever succeeded except for the Dark Chaos Lord? It was not to say that the rest of the celestial practitioners were all lacking in infinity wisdom...

He turned to look melancholy at his group as he thought, "Lingfeng, Yixian, Youxue, Lele, Lie Qing...everyone...I rather that I undertake this journey alone..."

All of a sudden Lingfeng had turned around with a cold smile, "Yi Ping, I know what you are thinking."

Yi Ping was startled, "You know?"

Lingfeng replied, "Yes I do."

Yi Ping replied weakly, "I don't believe."

Lingfeng sighed softly, "Do you still remember what you have told me when you first step foot on the Holy Amalgamate Mountains? That you will protect us no matter how difficult it is?"

Yi Ping muttered, "I do..."

Lingfeng smiled, "Good that you remember! Don't think that you are protecting me by wandering off by yourself because you are not. If you would to do that, I will surely kill myself!"

Yi Ping was stunned as he began to tremble.

That was because he knew that she would do it and she did as the Heaveness...

Even the Universal Old Man was trembling and his eyes had turned teary when he had overheard Lingfeng, "My Heaveness..."

Everyone was stunned at the display of the Heaveness' resolute will; if anyone had thought that she was just an alluring heavenly maiden with a pretty face then they were wrong!

She could not live without Yi Ping and Yi Ping could not live without her either!

Lingfeng said melancholy, "If we perish then so be it. It is better than filling my days with extreme loneliness. At least we perish together. I can see and feel your pain throughout. It is good enough for me..."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were both overwhelmed with tears!

The Celestial Yixian and the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing had lowered their gazes!

Shen Xingyue clasped her mouth. It was plain that she was in tears as she sobbed, "That's enough...enough..."

Even Ye Yin, Han Lin, the Goddess Aiel were all looking away!

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and Lele may have a stoned expression but they were clearly overwhelmed by



emotions as evidenced by their sparking golden eyes!

As for Youxue and Yunzi, their silent tears were already flowing and they were already trembling!

It was because Lingfeng had said what was in their hearts but she had taken one step further than them; she was determined to kill herself if Yi Ping dies!

Lie Qing muttered to herself, "I...want to be with Yi Ping till the end of time, till the oceans have dried up and till the earth had crumbled to dust. But if any of these maidens is not around, Yi Ping will surely be tormented...especially for Lingfeng..."

The Heaviness Lingfeng lifted her divine voice as she trembled, "So Yi Ping, you listen up! You still owe me a wish. I want to invoke it now. You have better take the whole lot of us to the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary and find the real Immortal Practice!"

Yi Ping muttered, "Lingfeng...I will...I will..."

Lingfeng hummed coldly before she softened to a gentle whisper, "You rascal. I know your every little sly movement. You know you can't hide from me. You know that I am reaching the very last of my divine wraths and I may not survive the next without the Immortal Practice. Therefore you will rather die trying so that you can join me in the netherworld later. But think it over first. I am not that important to you. You still have so many others that need you. It won't be long before you have forgotten about me so don't take it too hard when I am no longer around."

Yi Ping was stunned into silence. It was because Lingfeng had virtually guessed what was on his mind. With her superb intellect, it was not hard for her to guess what was in the minds of everyone!

That was also the reason why the Heaviness had also survived far longer than the other Ancient Celestials and even the Universal Old Man had depended on her to navigate through the Stellar Sanctuary!

Yi Ping shook his head, "Lingfeng, you know already..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping laughed maddening as he punched his fist on the

wall before he wept aloud, “Everyone...I really have no confidence if I am able to make it. I don’t even know if I will be able to protect everyone till to the very end...”

He turned around as he wiped his tears with his hands, “But I promise all of you! I will surely fight to till to the very end!”

Lingfeng nodded tearfully, “Good!”

Everyone nodded as they quickly surrounded Yi Ping and Lingfeng...

The Goddess Celestial Alice said divinely, “So is it love? It is such a powerful emotion...”

The Goddess Isa stared blankly at Lingfeng, “I...today I have finally realized that I am so wrong in the past. Love is self-sacrificing...”

She took a secret glance at Alice as she thought, “The Dark Chaos Lord really loves you. That is why he has imprisoned you because he did not want you to end your life when he is no longer around. It is only today that I have finally realized it. Alice, sorry...”

But that was her thoughts and in the end, she did not have the courage to say what was on her mind to Alice. This apology was simply too hard for her to swallow...

Her thoughts were interrupted by Yi Ping who had said aloud, “Let’s us go now!”

It was followed by a noisy chuckle by the maidens!

Youxue laughed softly, “It seems that our Yi Ping has finally found himself again!”

Yi Ping smiled gently at her, “Youxue, we may have to rely on you to guide us through the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Youxue flushed shyly, “I will try my very best!”

Han Lin protested weakly, “Yi Ping, why do you trust her so much?”

Yi Ping laughed as he explained, “It is because Xue’Er (Youxue) has the knack in finding conceal passages. Moreover her power of observation is

also superior.”

Han Lin raised her eyebrows, “Oh really?”

Yi Ping smiled gently to her, “Yes, really!”

Han Lin asked, “But earlier, I have clearly remembered that it is the two of you that have led us into the Iron Formation?”

Yi Ping was startled as he blinked his eyes, “This...”

Youxue began to lower her gaze and it was clear that she was flustering with embarrassment!

The Goddess Isa said, “That is right. We can trust Maiden Youxue?”

The Universal Old Man was muttering, “It seems to be the case earlier...”

Lingfeng shot him an annoyed look, “Can’t you keep your mouth shut for once? It is not like the choices that I have made are right all the time. Moreover this is the first time that Youxue has stepped into the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Youxue sighed softly, “Indeed! The Stellar Sanctuary is unlike any that I have ever seen. It is really too unfathomable and I am not claiming that the choice that I make will be the corrected one.”

Yunzi smiled, “Sister, you are too humble. If even you can’t make the correct choice then we can’t be expected to make the better choices either!”

Yi Ping nodded, “Then this issue is considered settled. Let us be on the move first.”

Han Lin quickly stepped next to Yi Ping as she smiled sweetly to him, “Brother Yi Ping...”

Yi Ping asked, “Yes?”

Han Lin winked at him, “Have you heard of a skill that is called the Dragon Sense?”

Yi Ping was immediately intrigued by the name of this martial skill, “No

but can you tell me more about it?”

Han Lin laughed softly as she clapped her hands, “Of course! It is a special skill of my clan that can help us to find our way.”

Yi Ping was overjoyed, “Really?! Maiden Han Lin, you know this skill?”

Han Lin nodded, “Yes I do know but I can’t promise that it will work as my proficiency in this skill is only elementary...”

The Goddess Aiel was flabbergasted. She knew that Han Lin was trying to hoodwink Yi Ping. What Dragon Sense? Even the Immortals could not tell their way in the Stellar Sanctuary! She was obviously trying to hook up with Yi Ping!

Determined not to lose to Han Lin, she quickened her steps until she was next to Yi Ping. “Yi Ping, have you heard of the Goddess Sense?”

Yi Ping was also intrigued as he asked with great interest, “No but I really like to know. You can tell me Aiel?...”

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “Yes of course. One thing for sure, it is superior to the Dragon Sense...”

Han Lin smiled bitterly, “Mistress, what are you trying to do?”

The Heavenly Temptress stared at them in disbelief as she cursed softly, “Two lousy actress...”

Lele had overheard them. She stared at them coldly, “So one of you have the Dragon Sense and the other one of you have the Goddess Sense. But why didn’t it work earlier?”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er began to laugh jovially!

Even Lingfeng, Youxue and Yunzi were also secretly trying to pretend to be solemn!

Yi Ping began to smile bitterly as he finally realized that he had been hoodwinked.

Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel were so embarrassed that they had lowered their gazes as they had suddenly realized that their little tricks

had backfired!

Yi Ping pretended to be dense and said to them, “Good! Then we can have Youxue, Han Lin and Aiel to help us navigate the passages. Three heads are better than one.”

Lingfeng hummed coldly, “Yi Ping, you are not asking me to help out too? After all, I have the most experience here.”

Yi Ping laughed softly, “I want to but I am just waiting for you to volunteer. Thank goodness you have finally volunteered for this task!”

Lingfeng had suddenly realized that she had been played upon by Yi Ping for the first time that she quickly flashed next to him and gave him the hardest kick that he had ever received in his entire life from her!

“Yi Ping, you are dead!”

Yi Ping laughed jovially and he was quickly followed by the Universal Old Man who added, “So the Heavenness will also have this day. Maybe we should celebrate this occasion!”

“.....”

All of a sudden everyone froze in their tracks!

It was because they had suddenly caught sight of three imposing identical passages in front of them!

Lele asked, “So which way should we pick?”

The Universal Old Man offered a helpful suggestion, “Pick the non-combat one!”

Lingfeng hummed coldly, “Why don’t you pick for us? We can’t know for sure!”

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly as he asked Yi Ping, “Ping’Er, why don’t you make a choice for us?”

Just as Yi Ping was at a loss to decide, two resounding shockwave began to ripple from the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing and the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin, startling everyone!

Their divine swords, the Perpetual Darkness and the Despairing Heavenly were shrouded in a dark halo as both divine swords unsheathed on their own accord!

Lie Qing and Ye Yin were the most startled as they gasped together, “What is going on?”

Lie Qing pulled the Perpetual Darkness completely from her scabbard and immediately it began to point to the middle of the three passages!

Ye Yin did the same with her Despairing Heavenly; her divine sword seemed to have a will on its own and it too, was pointing to the middle passage!

Ye Yin muttered, “It seems that our divine swords want us to go to the middle passage?”

Lie Qing nodded uneasily...

The Goddess of Mercy had walked next to Ye Yin and Lie Qing, “You are right. But the choice is yours to make. Do you have the courage to go the middle passage? Bear in mind that your divine swords are dark swords. It probably won’t be anything good.”

The Goddess Isa said quietly, “No doubt if we take the middle passage, it will surely be another combat trial. I can feel the surge of the malevolent intent of your dark swords.”

Yunzi said quietly, “Our party can no longer fight. We simply cannot afford to take the risk.”

Youxue nodded, “That will be suicide.”

Lie Qing was silent as she stared blankly at her divine sword...

Ye Yin was trembling as she whispered softly, “I understand. I won’t force anyone of you to go with me but I have to go. All my life I have been practicing with the Despairing Heavenly Divine Sword. If I refuse to heed its calling, my own attainment will surely be ruined in the future. Therefore I have to go...”

Shen Xingyue gasped, “Ye Yin, not with your present condition!”

Lie Qing looked at her with a weak smile, “Ye Yin, I am going with you too!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Qing’Er, Ye Yin...”

The Celestial Fairy Yixian could no longer keep her composure, “Lie Qing, Ye Yin. I am going with you too. I know that it is impossible to persuade the two of you so I am going to help you. Surely you need someone to watch your back for you!”

Lie Qing brightened up, “Sister Xian’Er...”

Ye Yin shook her head, “Yixian, Yi Ping can’t afford to lose you. This is what we must do. Lie Qing and I will be able to manage so don’t you worry, alright?”

But all of a sudden she was startled. It was because she had noticed that everyone was looking at her gently!

Alice, Isa, Xiang, Aiel and Han Lin were all nodding at her...

Yixian, Lele, Yunzi, Youxue, Shen Xingyue and Lingfeng were also nodding at her...

Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man were smiling at her!

Yi Ping patted her, “Don’t be silly. Ye Yin, we are all here together. Combat trial or not, we have no one to blame for our plight. If there must be someone to blame then it must surely be me...”

The Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yujian (Yu’Er) said gently to her, “The Holy Ascension Sect has always fight as one!”

Shen Xingyue smiled angelically, “Well said!”

The Celestial Fairy Yixian smiled, “It may not be as bad as we thought. Let’s us go. Whatever trial it is, we will not cower from it!”

Lie Qing laughed softly as she looked at everyone, “Am I supposed to be touched by it?”

Yi Ping smiled gently at her, “I suppose so!”

Lie Qing laughed as she danced to the front, “Then oh well, we shall

pick the middle passage!”

Ye Yin flashed next to her, “Good! Let’s go!”

Yi Ping walked to them as he sighed softly.

Ye Yin asked, “Yi Ping, what’s wrong? You are regretting your decision so fast?”

Lie Qing was also startled, “Why are you sighing?”

Yi Ping grinned, “No matter what, the two of you shouldn’t have cut the queue, am I right? Lingfeng, Youxue, Han Lin, Aiel and I are the main guides, am I right?”

“.....”

“Go to hell, Yi Ping!”



# Chapter 165: The Divine Trinity Fire

The middle passage was identical to the passage before; beautiful, grand, towering, imposing and immense with a sense of mystery.

Barely had Yi Ping and his group stepped into this passage for ten minutes, two sudden imploding light had burst in front of them!

Lingfeng shouted a warning, "It is the sentinels of the Stellar Sanctuary. Be wary!"

Two gigantic wolves with fiery breath had emerged from the implosions and were charging toward them now!

Their presence was terrifying and the atmosphere was filled with their killing malevolent!

Immediately their entire group had readied a defensive stance to brace for the fight. It seemed that contact would be made in another thirty seconds at the current pace that the two monsters were moving toward them!

The Goddess of Mercy gasped aloud, followed by the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel and the Heaviness Lingfeng. "These are Hellhounds!"

The golden Kirin cub that was in Alice's arms began to howl furiously! Alice whispered softly, "Don't be afraid..."

Immediately the golden Kirin cub calmed down as it curbed in her arms.

The Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang said panicky, "And these Hellhounds are very dangerous. But luckily there are only two of them so with some luck, we can still manage them!"

Yi Ping had already unsheathed the Celestial Alice as he eyed the two monsters. Even though every part of his soul wanted to fight these monsters but his arms were trembling!

Yixian had raised the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword with a graceful display, "How...strong are these monsters?"

The Goddess Isa replied solemnly, "One of them is equaled to an

Immortal of the Lesser Heaven Positioning in strength alone! Look out also for their terrifying agility and their fiery breath weapon!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Breath weapon?”

The Goddess Isa nodded, “They are capable of breathing out fiery incinerating fire!”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded weakly, “The Divine Trinity Fire is the name of this incinerating fire. Once it starts to burn, it will never extinguish until nothing is left.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he thought to himself, “Only two of them. With some luck we can still manage them. Maybe by Maiden Xiang’s immortal standards but definitely not by our standards...”

The celestial practitioners in the group were cursing softly and they were thinking the same as Yi Ping!

Ten seconds to first contact!

Yi Ping was extremely solemn as he took a quick glance around him.

The strength of their party status of their group at the quickest estimate: Yi Ping (5%)

Celestial Fairy Yixian (20%)

Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing (30%)

Joyful Goddess Lele (40%)

Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yujian (20%)

Axis Heaven Goddess Meijian (20%)

Dugu Yunzi (20%)

Xiao Youxue (20%)

Shen Xingyue (30%)

Ascension Goddess Ye Yin (40%)

Heaveness Lingfeng (20%)

Universal Old Man (5%)

Goddess Aiel (20%)

Han Lin (20%)

Goddess Isa (5%)

Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang (10%)

Goddess Celestial Alice (5%)

So it seemed that only Lie Qing, Lele, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue are the only capable fighters left now.

Just as Lele, Yixian, Mei'Er, Yu'Er, Lie Qing, Yunzi, Youxue, Ye Yin, Lingfeng, Aiel and Han Lin had taken steps forward to brace themselves for the monsters' charge, the Goddess Celestial Alice suddenly flurried past them as she turned around, "Wait!"

Everyone was startled by her!

Yi Ping was really afraid for her as her back was turned against the Hellhounds.

He quickly stepped protective in front of her!

But Alice said coolly as she gently put her hands on his arm, "Look, there is an invisible wall in front of us. As long as we don't step through this invisible wall then we are safe. But if we step through this invisible wall then these Hellhounds will be able to attack us."

Disbelief greeted the rest of the group as well!

Yi Ping was startled and not quite believing it. But when he saw how calm Alice was, he began to calm down as well.

Lele asked panicky, "Oh really?"

Han Lin was staring in disbelief, "I don't see any invisible wall..."

Aiel immediately said to her, "Of course you can't see it, it is invisible."

Han Lin said unhappily, "I am supposed to feel impress at your wisecracks?"

Lingfeng asked, "There is an invisible sealing wall in front of us?"

Alice nodded, "And it is also an extremely intricate one. Even an immortal can easily miss it."

The Goddess Isa nodded, "Indeed!"

The Goddess of Mercy said, "If Alice did not mention it, I would have overlooked it. Don't attack these Hellhounds first because they cannot attack us either. But if we launch any attack or secret projectiles, this invisible sealing formation will react and extend. Then we will all be in danger."

Indeed as she had said, the two monstrous Hellhounds had suddenly halted its charge and were just standing restlessly in front of them!

Yi Ping began to lower his sword slowly as he said solemnly, "Do we turn back now?"

Lingfeng said quietly, "The other passages may not be as easy. Sometimes a non-combat trial can be even more difficult than a combat trial."

Youxue nodded, "Our martial strength and level of fitness is actually the crux to overcome the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary. It doesn't matter what the trial is."

Yunzi looked at Yi Ping demurely, "Or we can simply wait here until we are ready?"

Yi Ping smiled at Yunzi, "That is right. We can simply wait here until we have at least half of our martial strength back!"

Alice hummed coldly, "Not a bad plan except that this won't work at all."

Yi Ping turned to her with a baffled look and everyone else was equally baffled!

She explained, "This is a special defensive sealing formation and it will only appear under a certain set condition. If we wait after some time then this formation will fade. So it may not be a good thing."

Han Lin asked humbly, "Great Goddess, isn't this a good thing? Then we

don't have to fight anymore.”

Han Lin had indeed voiced out the question that was in everyone's heart!

Yi Ping was listening attentively and he was muttering, “Isn't it a good thing?”

Yu'Er asked, “May the Great Goddess enlightens us!”

Alice replied, “It may not be the case. This sealing formation will actually take us to another location if we are able to overcome it. If we wait for it to fade then the passage ahead will not be the supposedly secret location anymore.”

Yu'Er immediately understood, “The passage ahead is just an illusion. Even though the passage ahead appears to be a one-way but multiple results can actually happen depending on our actions.”

Alice smiled, “Smart.”

Yi Ping said quietly, “It is far too dangerous for us to tackle it at our present party strength.”

Alice nodded slowly as she looked at him, “Even if we all barge into this formation now, the secret location won't be able to appear either.”

Everyone was startled as they started to murmur among themselves!

Alice explained, “If we all barge into this formation, we may also cause the special entrance of this sealing formation to redirect us to another location. It is because this special formation is meant for only for the right persons with the right condition.”

She glanced at Lie Qing and Ye Yin.

Ye Yin immediately got the hint as she stepped forward, “Isn't it obvious? This special sealing formation is activated only because of our Darkswords. And there are only two monsters.”

Lie Qing murmured softly, “That is right. If Ye Yin and I are able to win then we will be redirected to a secret location within the Stellar Sanctuary....”

She looked at her Perpetual Darkness as she inhaled deeply, “Our divine swords guide us here for a reason therefore I mustn’t disappoint my divine sword.”

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin said quietly, “The same goes for me.”

Yi Ping said firmly, “Qing’Er, Ye Yin. This is really too dangerous...”

All of a sudden Lie Qing flew into his embrace as she said melancholy, “Ping’Er, please understand that this is something that we must do. There is a price to be paid for bonding with our divine swords. Just like...”

She glanced at Alice as she muttered, “...just like your divine sword is bonded to you through destiny. This is our destiny and our fight. Whether we live or die, it is also our destiny...”

Lele and Yixian were immediately at her side, “Qing’Er!...”

Yixian pleaded softly, “Please do consider. Once you have decided then there is no backing off!”

Lele said panicky, “Sister Lie Qing, are you sure? These two monsters are extremely powerful. You mustn’t be rush. We can always come back to the Stellar Sanctuary the next time!”

Lie Qing smiled weakly, “I have a feeling there won’t be a next time. Anyway, my mind is made up.”

Lele looked at Ye Yin, “Sister Ye Yin, are you sure about it too?”

Ye Yin smiled, “This is my destiny too. You will be concern for me?”

Lele said quickly, “Of course! We may not go through many adventures together but I am always been impressed by you. Especially with your battle against the Immortal Sword Aegis Sage. I wish I can be as skillful as you!”

Ye Yin smiled softly, “Really? Hehe, I didn’t know that I have a fan.”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Xingyue had also surrounded her as they said quietly, “And you still have us too.”

Shen Xingyue smiled to her one time rival, “You are my strongest rival

so I won't allow you to die before me!"

Ye Yin muttered, "Xingyue...I am so sorry for the past. I wish that we have more time to get to know each other better. Well, am I getting too emotional?"

Shen Xingyue shook her head, "No, you are not. You are strong!"

Yi Ping grasped the hands of Lie Qing and Ye Yin as he shuddered emotionally, "I know now. So fight well and come back safe!"

Ye Yin muttered, "Yi Ping..."

Lie Qing inhaled deeply, "Ping'Er..."

Yi Ping embraced the both of them as he cried out, "The two of you are irreplaceable in my heart!"

Lie Qing laughed softly as she rested her head on his warm chest, "You have finally spoken from the bottom of your heart. This is what I have always wanted to hear from you. But you are making me so awkward..."

Ye Yin was clinging warmly on him as she wrapped her arm around Yi Ping, "If the Great God Yi Ping says he wants us to come back then we will surely be able to..."

"Qing'Er, Ye Yin..."

Lie Qing was really delighted as she clenched Yi Ping's sleeves tightly. It was because she was naturally suspicious of men but Yi Ping was an exception.

She muttered, "Yi Ping, I am going now..."

"Wait!" It was Alice!

Everyone began to look at her curiously.

All of a sudden Alice put down the golden Kirin cub and began to disrobe herself, stunning Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man!

Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man were looking at her as though they wanted to devour her. It was because she was dressed in a black translucent garment and in a short revealing skirt. Her clothes were so

translucent that they really had a good view of her body...

Yi Ping was so dazzled that he had to recite the Absolute Spirits to keep himself calm in the face of this extraordinary heavenly goddess.

The jaws of the Universal Old Man were already dropping...

She raised her eyebrows as she said gently in the direction of the Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man, "What are you thinking?"

The Universal Old Man had noticed that the Heaveness Lingfeng and the Goddess Aiel were both staring at him that he quickly said, "I am wondering if all the immortal maidens in the Immortal Realm...erm...are as beautiful as you..."

The Goddess Aiel said coldly, "You mean dress as we are?"

The Universal Old Man was totally red now but he could not resist giving a nod.

The Goddess Aiel replied, "Naturally that is the case."

Alice smiled wryly, "Or none at all. That is quite common in the Immortal Realm."

The Goddess of Mercy protested weakly, "Only the Zen Practitioners. Not the Arhat Practitioners!"

All of sudden Yi Ping and the Universal Old Man almost choked themselves when they had heard Alice!

That was because they could not imagine if Alice, Aiel, Isa and Xiang were without clothes...

Yi Ping had suddenly decided that it was actually such a bad idea to go to the Immortal Realm...

The Universal Old Man on the other hand was full of motivations to go to the Immortal Realm...

"Master Yi Ping, you are nose bleeding! Are you alright?" Mei'Er panicky asked after Yi Ping.

Lingfeng hummed coldly, "And he is not the only one."



The Universal Old Man muttered, "Don't be mistaken. My internal injuries have worsened all of a sudden..."

Lingfeng said coldly, "Oh really?"

The Universal Old Man nodded awkwardly, "Really...err I am a highly attained Ancient Celestial who has no mortal desires..."

"My foot!"

"Liar!"

"Rubbish!"

"Lecher!"

The Universal Old Man had received quite a number of responses!

"Yi Ping, what about you?"

Yi Ping muttered awkwardly, "I have internal injuries too..."

"Yi Ping, I believe you..."

"Ping'Er, are you alright?"

The Universal Old Man cursed softly as he thought, "This is so unfair... same excuse, different treatment..."

The Goddess Aiel looked quietly at him, "What is wrong? You want to go to the Immortal Realm to take a look?"

The Universal Old Man replied weakly, "You know it is my lifelong quest to go to the Immortal Realm. So naturally I have to go there."

The Goddess Aiel began to smile mysteriously, "When you have reached the Immortal Realm, you will see."

Just as the Universal Old Man was left pondering what she meant, Han Lin offered him a helpful insight as she giggled. "You know, the male immortals in the Immortal Realm could all be eunuchs. Or else why do you think all the female immortals are single?"

The Universal Old Man began to turn ashen immediately at the thought!

The Goddess Aiel pretended to look sternly at Han Lin, “Don’t scare him. You know nothing about the Immortal Realm. This is only your own conjecture.”

Han Lin protest weakly, “Why don’t you say yes or no to my conjecture...”

Alice had walked quietly to Ye Yin as she handed her outer garment to Ye Yin, “You may have the celestium robe but that is not enough to protect you against the incarnating fire of the Divine Trinity Fire. My Heavenly Empress Robe will be able to offer you some protection.”

The Goddess Aiel muttered with envy, “The Heavenly Empress Robe is a priceless immortal artefact even in the Immortal Realm...”

Ye Yin was shocked at the Goddess Celestial Alice had granted her the use of her Heavenly Empress Robe. She smiled weakly, “I have heard that the gifts of the immortals are not easily given but once it is given, it won’t be taken back?”

Alice nodded gently, “You are right. The concept of loan does not exist among the Immortals.”

Ye Yin was stunned, “I...I can really keep this?”

Alice answered, “Indeed. From now on, you are the mistress of the Heavenly Empress Robe until the day you have died.”

Ye Yin was startled, “Until the day I have died? You mean that I still have to return it to you?”

Alice smiled wryly, “Therefore if you want to keep the Heavenly Empress Robe, you must survive.”

Ye Yin laughed softly, “If I die in a faraway place then you may not be able to lay your hands to it. Moreover if I am dead, I can’t possibly return it to you.”

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Aiel were all giggling softly!

Ye Yin was startled by them as she asked curiously, “What is wrong?”

Isa explained, "Things are different in the Immortal Realm. The act of giving and granting is sacred among the immortals. But if an immortal grants an immortal artefact to another, the person will be granted possession till death or until the original granter revokes it and decide to take it away. In the case of death, the immortal artefact will fly back to the original granter on its own accord. Now you get it?"

Ye Yin answered unhappily, "I understand that part about the immortal artefact flying back to the original granter but what do you mean that the original granter can choose to revoke it and take it back? Isn't this the same as lending?"

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, "It is still not the same!"

Ye Yin asked, "Why so?"

Isa explained, "The original granter must have just reasons to revoke the gift. Without justifications, the immortal artefact will refuse to return to the original granter. Now you understand?"

Ye Yin nodded slowly...

Yi Ping said, "That is why at that time Isa is able to cause her divine sword to return to her side..."

Yixian nodded gently, "It seems that all the divine artefacts have a level of sentient."

Alice smiled to her, "However, there are exceptions too."

Yi Ping asked, "There are exceptions? Such as?"

Alice looked at him blankly for a while before she looked away, "It happens to the Celestial Alice. It did not return to me when he passed on..."

Yi Ping really regretted asking the question. It was because he had noticed that she had turned melancholy all of a sudden!

Alice said gently to Lie Qing, "I have nothing for you. At your present strength, you may not be able to utilize your Invincible Divine Force to the fullest but you shouldn't have any problem with the Divine Trinity

Fire. It is not our way to extend wishes but today I am going to say good luck to you. May the Heavens watch over you.”

Lie Qing smiled, “Thank you! I am so honored to receive a blessing from the Great Goddess herself!”

She winked to Ye Yin, “Are you ready, Ye Yin?”

Ye Yin laughed softly as she brandished her Despairing Heavenly, “I have been waiting for you.”

Lie Qing laughed as she mustered her Invincible Divine Force, “Good! Let’s go!”

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin had already burst forward!

Yi Ping called aloud after them, “Be careful!”

# Chapter 166: The Eternal Light and the Blessed Heaven

Lie Qing and Ye Yin had charged into the midst of the two monstrous Hellhounds that were taller than them!

Yi Ping clenched his fists nervously as he prayed for them...

Yixian whispered to him, "You ought to trust them. After all, they were exponents that had been through hundreds of battles on their own!"

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, "Indeed. Before I was acquainted with them, they are already superb fighters on their own..."

Lele said firmly, "Ping'Er, just you watch! Sister Qing'Er is not the vulnerable maiden that you think she is nor is Ye Yin!"

Yi Ping nodded but said nothing. It was impossible for him not to be anxious even with the Absolute Spirits. It was because he was watching their heart stopping battle right in front of him!

In a blink of few eyes, Lie Qing had made several dozen slashes against the Hellhound before she was forced to scurry back; the Hellhound was agile and had raised its razor claws to slash against her!

The precise and the attack speed of the Hellhound startled her!

As Lie Qing scurry back, the Hellhound began to pounce upon her!

She quickly raised her Perpetual Darkness and at the same time, she focused eight whirling wisps of her Invincible Divine Force to her front!

There was a tremendous impact as she was flung back against the wall!

Ye Yin called out to her, "Lie Qing, are you alright?"

Lie Qing quickly rolled against the wall as the Hellhound made a tremendous charge against the wall with a thunderous explosive impact, barely missing her!

As she made a quick slash on the side of the Hellhound, she stammered out. "I...am alright. I have made several slashes and even hit it with my

sword energies but it doesn't seem to bother this freaking monster!"

Ye Yin smiled bitterly as she evaded several attacks from the Hellhound that she was facing, "Same here. Its hide is impervious to my sword..."

As if to demonstrate it, she leapt upside down as she made a tremendous slash on the body of the Hellhound with all her martial strength!

Immediately a burst of explosive force impacted across the howling Hellhound as it was knocked aside and was floored to the ground but the Hellhound was upon her again in the next instant!

Its recovery rate was startling!

Ye Yin inhaled deeply as she stepped aside from the charging Hellhound, "You...see...what I...mean..."

Lie Qing smiled bitterly, "I know what you mean but you don't have to demonstrate it for me to have a look...I need a solution...very badly!"

All of a sudden she gasped as the Hellhound had cornered her. She quickly unleashed three brilliant bursts of sword energies that exploded in a blue flare on the face of the Hellhound as she sent it knocking back!

The Hellhound was furious as it opened its jaw to exhale a stream of incarnating fire on her!

The Divine Trinity Fire!

Immediately the air around Lie Qing exploded into bursting scorching flames and the entire passage became burning hot!

Lele gasped, "So hot!"

Yi Ping shouted thunderous, "Lie Qing!"

"I am...alright!"

She emerged from the sparking fire with a weak smile; a red orange outline could be seen around her eight hovering blue wisps.

She quickly made a quick slash at the Hellhound as she flew into a rage, "Heavens! For a moment I thought that my Invincible Divine Force would

give way...”

Suddenly she became wobbly as she struggled for breath, “What is happening...why did I feel so weak all of a sudden...”

She emerged just in time to witness the other Hellhound exhaling a torrent of incarnating flames on Ye Yin!

Indeed Ye Yin was under attack by the Divine Trinity Fire at around the same time that Lie Qing was. It was as though the two Hellhounds had made a pact together!

She raised her long sleeves panicky to send flurrying martial windforce to part the flames as the Divine Trinity Fire exploded upon her!

To her utter surprise the ball of fireball that was upon her had actually dispersed into tiny fireballs by her martial force!

That was not really her martial force or else she would not be surprised. Rather, it was the Heavenly Empress Robe that she was now wearing that seemed to have enhanced her martial force!

That was not all. When the Divine Trinity Fire had come into contact with her, it seemed to glow and the insignia of phoenixes that were on the Heavenly Empress Robe seemed to be fluttering from it.

Ye Yin thought, “Weird. While I can feel the heat of the flaming fireballs but it is not as hot as I have thought? Even my sword is as cooling to the touch as ever...”

She was immediately grateful to Alice for this precious robe for she knew that it had saved her life!

Her thoughts were interrupted when Lie Qing had bumped into her!

Ye Yin gasped out as she caught hold of Lie Qing, “Watch out where you are going!”

Lie Qing smiled weakly, “It is not my choice. How come you got air here? I thought that these two monsters have burnt up all the air in the passage. So what is the plan?”

Ye Yin darted her eyes at the two approaching Hellhounds, “Indeed we

need a plan. Do you think that we are even doing damage?"

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "Maybe we are but we are not strong enough to inflict enough. At this rate, we will surely lose!"

All of a sudden Ye Yin looked at her with a curious look, "Maybe you are right."

Lie Qing was startled, "Huh? What do you mean?"

Ye Yin raised her divine sword protectively around Lie Qing as she guided her to dodge the two Hellhounds, "Maybe we did not afflict enough damage alone. Why don't we..."

Lie Qing continued for her, "...attack together as one?"

Ye Yin pushed Lie Qing back, "I will initiate the first attack and distract them! Go on and muster as much martial power as you can for the next strike!"

She had immediately gone into the midst of the two Hellhounds as she evaded their attacks!

In a blink of an eye, she had evaded dozens of attacks as the Hellhounds attacked her with their claws, bites, bodies and flaming fireballs!

Lie Qing was startled at how reckless Ye Yin was and even more astonished that at her ability to evade all the attacks without battling an eye!

But she had no time to think anymore as she leaned weakly against the wall to muster her Invincible Divine Force to the ninth level!

"An opening!" Ye Yin cried out as she finally found an opening for her to attack!

She immediately mustered her Denunciation Force as she imbued everything that she got into her Despairing Heaven as she slashed against one of the Hellhounds!

Almost immediately a thunderous impact was heard as a burst of powerful martial explosion imploded on the Hellhound!



So great was the impact that the Hellhound was swept aside!

A dark sword surrounded by nine energy wisps flashed past Ye Yin!

It was Lie Qing!

This same Hellhound never recovered from the initial impact as Lie Qing had suddenly charged and impaled it on the wall with a thunderous explosive impact with her Perpetual Darkness !

The Hellhound wailed aloud before dematerializing!

One down and one more to go!

The eyes of the remaining Hellhound turned red as it entered into a frenzy!

Because the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin was nearest to it, she became the blunt of its furies!

But instead of hitting her, it was slashed a dozen times repeatedly by her as the gigantic Hellhound was knocked aside!

And before the Hellhound could recover from its loss of momentum, Lie Qing had flashed next to it and slashed it a couple of times!

The Hellhound became desperate as it tried to ram into Lie Qing headlong but Ye Yin pulled her to safety as they switched positions!

Because of that Lie Qing continued to make a dozen powerful slashes against the Hellhound, followed by six slashes from Ye Yin!

As the Hellhound charged into their midst again, they had suddenly split to both side of the Hellhound as they slashed another six times on its side!

When the Hellhound turned, Ye Yin and Lie Qing had switched position again as they slashed repeatedly at it again!

These two heavenly maidens seemed to have turned into berserkers as they slashed one after the other!

All in all, they had made a total of eighty slashes in a few blinks of an eye!

The Hellhound could not take their continuous slashes anymore. Finally it howled aloud before dematerializing!

Ye Yin and Lie Qing both collapsed on the floor, utterly exhausted!

Yi Ping and the entire group simply could not believe their eyes as they watched the heart stopping battle!

For a moment their legs were so weak and they were so breathless that they could not move!

Ye Yin gasped breathlessly as she looked at Lie Qing, "Hey, I make a total of thirty-six slashes...you have slashed a total of forty-two times!"

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "What, the reason why you persist is because you are trying to compare slashes with me?"

Ye Yin laughed softly, "Indeed! I have thought that you would have tumbled first. You can't even use your Invincible Divine Force by the time you engage the second Hellhound!"

Lie Qing laughed weakly, "Either can you use your Denunciation Force anymore. But you know the martial strength that you have exerted is enough for you to use the Denunciation Force a few times!"

Ye Yin laughed, "The same goes for you too. Honestly, I am dead beat by the time I have executed my eighteen strokes!"

Lie Qing managed a weak smile, "The same goes for me too. But the monster did not fall; you did not fall so I have forced myself to go an extra mile..."

Ye Yin laughed weakly, "Same, same! It is more like extra ten miles..."

All of a sudden Ye Yin and Lie Qing were both lifted by Yi Ping and were in his embrace!

Yi Ping said solemnly, "I really got a good scare. Fancy the two of you. You still have the good mood to chat..."

At the same time that Yi Ping had lifted them up, they were surrounded by the entire group!

“Lie Qing! Ye Yin!”

“You have won!”

Lie Qing smiled weakly as she closed her eyes, “Without Ye Yin, I cannot do it alone.”

Ye Yin laughed softly, “This victory can’t do without Lie Qing...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping was gasping and it was followed by the entire group!

Ye Yin was startled as she asked weakly, “What is wrong?”

Lie Qing was too weak to ask as she rested comfortably in Yi Ping’s embrace...

Yi Ping gasped, “Ye Yin, Qing’Er! Your foreheads! You have awakened your Heaven Eyes now!”

Indeed, there was a pink fire on Lie Qing’s forehead and a white clover on Ye Yin’s forehead!

Ye Yin was startled! It was because she knew how difficult it was to initiate the awakening of the Heaven Eyes. Moreover she had only been a true celestial practitioner for only a hundred years!

Alice was smiling divinely, “Heavens blessing indeed. It seemed that their Heaven Eyes start off at the Lesser Heaven Positioning too and look at their divine swords. They had finally broken the curse of their Darkswords and had become the true mistresses of these two divine swords!”

The Perpetual Darkness and the Despairing Heaven were enveloped with a soft divine light. All the onlookers could feel a wondrous and peaceful aura that was emanating from these two divine swords!

Lie Qing murmured, “The new name of my divine sword is now the Eternal Light...”

Ye Yin said quietly, “The new name of my divine sword is the Blessed Heaven...”

Alice smiled as she divined with her fingers rapidly, “I can only say that things may not turn up this way if your martial strength is at its peak.”

She took a glance at Lie Qing and Ye Yin, “You have not only awakened the true divinity of these two divine swords but you have earned yourself a true comrade in your greatest need.”

Ye Yin looked at the semi-conscious Lie Qing and at Shen Xingyue as she murmured, “Maybe I do have some real friends after all...”

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, “You must know these two divine swords are infamous even in the Immortal Realm...”

The Goddess of Mercy quickly said, “Isa, maybe next time. We ought to hurry.”

Isa caught her hint and nodded, “Let’s us go then!”

Yi Ping was thinking as he looked at Lingfeng who was also nodding lightly at him, “Lingfeng, you have the same feeling as me too? There seem to be more to these two divine swords that they are willing to share. I wonder what it is...”

It did not escape Yixian, Yunzi and Youxue either. Even though they were also curious but they had restrained from asking. But whatever thing it was, it must be related to the passage that was ahead!

Yi Ping said, “I will help to carry Lie Qing and Ye Yin. Aiel, Han Lin, Youxue and Lingfeng, let us be on our move.”

Lingfeng nodded as she took a last look at their weary party.

Party members that could still fight: Two

Joyful Goddess (40%)

Shen Xingyue (30%)

Party members that could still manage a little fight: Eight

Celestial Fairy Yixian (20%)

Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yujian (20%)

Axis Heaven Goddess Meijian (20%)

Dugu Yunzi (20%)

Xiao Youxue (20%)

Heaveness Lingfeng (20%)

Goddess Aiel (20%)

Han Lin (20%)

Everyone was already thinking. What would the passage ahead take them? More trials or fights?

Or a terrifying boss monster awaited them there?

Either way, no one wanted to think of it now!

# Chapter 167: The Ancient Swords Pool

They had passed through a shimmering red portal that was at the end of the passage and this led them into a white and green hall.

In the middle of the hall was a pool and thousands of words were engraved around this hall. Toward the very end of this hall was a shimmering blue portal and it was obviously the exit.

The Universal Old Man, Youxue, Lele, Yixian and many of the maidens were actually secretly delighted when they noticed the rows of words that were in this hall!

It could only mean one thing; martial secrets or powerful intricate formulas!

But for now, they dare not move to take a closer look. It was because they were watching their steps lest they triggered any traps!

They had to take extra caution because the present strength of their party was not good!

Alice said melodically after carefully looking around the hall, "There are no defense formations in this hall. This, I am sure of it."

The Goddess of Mercy nodded slowly as she looked around her warily, "I can't sense any as well."

The Goddess Isa shook her head, "Neither can I."

Yi Ping secretly stole a glance at Alice, Isa and Xiang, "I have three real goddess as our guide. This is most fortunate."

But that did not escape their watchful eyes as they returned an affectional smile to him!

He was startled!

Alice patted the golden Kirin cub as she whispered gently to it but her expressive eyes were actually upon Yi Ping, "Xiao Ping, what do you think?"

Yi Ping was startled by her and he quickly look in the other direction.

Ye Yin who was in his arms whispered to him, “She has even named her pet after you. If you tell me that she is only fulfilling the prophecy, I really don’t believe.”

Lie Qing chuckled as she teased softly, “And that Isa, Xiang...”

She glanced at the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin who were next to her, “And...”

The Goddess Aiel immediately protested, “I...never say I like him!”

Lie Qing asked with a most solemn expression, “Did I say you like him?”

The Goddess Aiel stammered shyly and her ears were all red, “I...”

Han Lin shook her head as she moaned softly, “Mistress, you really lacking in this area of expertise...”

The Goddess Aiel raised her hand, “Lacking in what? I have eaten more salts than you have eaten grains. Dare you to say it loud again!”

Han Lin laughed softly as she stepped behind the Heaviness Lingfeng, “If you hit me in front of so many then they will all think that you are a shrew. You know what is a shrew, don’t you?”

The Goddess Aiel stomped her foot as she shot Han Lin an upset look, “I am not...”

Yi Ping said gently to her, “You are definitely not.”

The Goddess Aiel was startled when Yi Ping was suddenly talking to her. She began to look coquettishly at him, “I...am not...”

She was at a loss to continue...

She was flustering now and she knew that everyone was looking at her as she thought, “Someone help me. Stupid Han Lin, you got me into a fix. My cultivation isn’t as high as Alice or Isa. I can’t fight them. I don’t even know if I have a place among the eighteen...maybe I should give up and sleep in the comfort of my bed...”

Han Lin asked coolly, “Are you thinking of sleeping in the comfort of your bed?”

Aiel was startled as she said somberly, “Of course not!...”

Han Lin giggled, “Oh really?”

“Han Lin!”

Yi Ping began to laugh spiritedly and his laughter was like a warm sun that lifted the spirits of everyone!

Everyone was looking at him!

Aiel looked at him with a pitiful look, “You are...laughing at me?”

Yi Ping’s expressions began to turn somber as he said gently to her, “Oh no. It is just that I have recalled the first time that I have met Han Lin and you. The atmosphere was surprising lively even though I was entering the tiger’s den. Same as the second time.”

But Aiel shook her head with a melancholy expression, “So this is the feeling that you have for me...a lively atmosphere...”

Lingfeng secretly tugged Yi Ping’s sleeves and she seemed to be saying to him, “Go and say something comforting to her!”

She had restrained from using her Divine Whisperer because she knew that Aiel, Alice, Isa, the Universal Old Man and Xiang all had sharp ears!

Yi Ping caught Lingfeng’s hint immediately as he said firmly, “No Aiel, you are wrong. Without you, we can’t accomplish anything. You are our lifesaver and I know that I can never repay your gratitude enough for saving Yixian and Isa. And without your divine pills, we definitely can’t make our way this far. I can’t say thank you enough!”

Aiel was startled as she looked shyly at Yi Ping...

The Universal Old Man sighed in his heart, “If Yi Ping says one more word then Aiel’s heart will surely melt. I hope he don’t...”

Yi Ping blurted out, “Therefore in my heart...you have a special place...”

Aiel broke into a jovial smile and her eyes were beaming beautifully. Her heart was fluttering and she did not know what more to say...

Lingfeng tugged Yi Ping again as she moaned silently, her alluring eyes



flashed dangerous at him. “Hmph! You are overdoing things!”

But to Lingfeng’s surprise, Yi Ping simply stood like a stone as he looked at Aiel!

Han Lin was also tugging Aiel but she seemed oblivious to her surroundings as she lifted her beaming eyes admirably at him...

Han Lin had remembered that the first time she had met Yi Ping, he was also staring at Aiel in this manner!

She moaned silently, “Mistress, don’t tell me that you have fallen into the ocean of love. Have you forgotten that we are supposed to play the fates of men in our palms? And one of the most sacred commandants of the Celestial Aiel Sect is not to fall in love. Arghhh, never mind. You are the mistress and you set the rules...”

All of a sudden Alice interrupted with her divine voice, “Everyone, come over here!”

She was standing next to the greenish pool which was in the middle of the hall!

Yi Ping was jolted from his stupor by her divine voice. He hastily pulled himself from the enticing Aiel...

Ye Yin who was resting her head on his head dreamily whispered softly to him, “So finally you have looked at her enough?...”

Lie Qing smiled weakly as she cuddled herself in Yi Ping’s embrace, her eyes beaming with love for him. “Ping’Er, let’s us take a look at that pool.”

Lie Qing’s timely intervention saved Yi Ping from giving an explanation as he quickly said aloud, “Let’s go and see what is in that pool first.”

As they went ahead to the pool, Yunzi, Youxue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were secretly looking exasperating at one another!

Somehow they got the feeling that Lie Qing and Ye Yin were lying in Yi Ping’s embrace far longer than it required them to recover their strength!

And they were wishing in their throbbing hearts that they were the ones that were in Yi Ping’s embrace right now!

Alice broke into a smile once everyone had gathered around, "Heaven blessings indeed! Look!"

Yi Ping took a baffled look into the greenish pool but he did not see anything strange about it.

Isa took a stirred interest in the greenish pool and her eyes had suddenly shone with delight!

She took a glance at the Goddess of Mercy, "Xiang, what do you think?"

The Goddess of Mercy gasped with astonishment as she looked at Alice for an answer, "This is...is it really..."

Yunzi asked curiously, "Can it be that there is a something about this pool? And what is it?"

Lele took a curious look before she giggled softly, "It looks like a good spot to bath in!"

Mei'Er gasped weakly, "Surely not! No one cleans it for thousands of years!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly because he knew that Lele was serious about it. Lele almost rarely passed out an opportunity to take a dip in a pool. He still remembered vividly how she had taken a bath in the Tranquil Pool of the Tranquil Clan, shocking both Priest Liu Qingcheng and Priest Ling Kongquan who had considered the Tranquil Pool to be sacred!

Alice pointed to the pool as she smiled mysteriously, "This is the 'Ancient Swords Pool'. This pool is actually a miraculous pool that can not only revive our martial strength but also strengthen it!"

Yi Ping was startled, "Is it really so miraculous?"

Lele laughed daintily, "Quick, let us take a drink from the pool at this very instant! I am dying to expel the intricate energies from the Esper Formation from within me. It is making me so uncomfortable!"

She was about to take a step forward when Alice said sharply to her, "Don't! Or you will surely die!"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly to the startled Lele, who was

blinking her eyes. “Alice is right. I have heard of this Ancient Swords Pool too. This type of pool is used to refine divine swords and is actually toxic to drink, even to the immortals.”

Lele smiled bitterly, “Then how do we replenish our strength then...”

The Goddess of Mercy gave a sly smile, “This, I do not know either! Maybe you want to ask the others who know.”

Isa shook her head, “I wish I know.”

Alice replied coolly, “We definitely can’t drink from the pool at all. Also, we cannot make contact with the pool either. It is because it is highly toxic!”

If they could not drink or touch the pool, how then could they regain their martial strength?!

Just as everyone was at a loss as they looked bewilderedly at one another, Alice gave an amused smile, “Don’t be discouraged. I am the Goddess Celestial Alice, the keeper of knowledge. If I am able to identify this as the Ancient Swords Pool then I surely know a way.”

Lingfeng smiled weakly, “Then may the Great Goddess enlightens us!”

Yu’Er said respectfully, “Normally in such a situation, we need to pray to the Gods for guidance but today a living Goddess is standing in front of us and giving us a direct answer...”

Mei’Er chuckled softly, “Four actually...”

Lele chipped in as she winked at Mei’Er, “Four and a half...”

Alice smiled, “We need a key person first.”

Youxue asked, “Yi Ping?”

Alice shook her head as she looked at Han Lin, “Han Lin, can you dip your Green Dragon Sacred Sword into the Ancient Swords Pool?”

Han Lin was startled as she looked helplessness at Aiel, “Me?”

Aiel nodded gently to her, “Go and do as the Goddess Celestial Alice says.”

As Han Lin unsheathed the Green Dragon Sacred Sword and dipped it into the Ancient Swords Pool, Alice had suddenly moved silently to her back and had jabbed her at the back of her neck. “Don’t move!”

Han Lin was stunned from the sudden attack and so was everyone!

She gasped out as she turned ashen, “What are you doing?!”

Yi Ping panicky called out, “Alice, what is wrong?!”

Alice said quietly to Han Lin as she unsheathed her Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword to prevent anyone from coming close to her, “You are a Dragon Practitioner, as antique as the Ancient Celestials. Long ago, the Dragon Practitioners and the Ancient Celestials had fought a great war in the lower and upper realm. The totem of the Jade Emperor is a dragon and the Dragon Practitioners are his people...”

Han Lin broke into a cold sweat as she whined panicky, “I...am a peaceful Dragon Practitioner...”

Aiel immediately pleaded panicky, “Great Goddess, Han Lin she is really a peaceful Dragon Practitioner! She is too dense to plot against the Pangu Race...”

Yi Ping was also saying panicky, “Alice, release Han Lin. She is really a good maiden. Don’t harm her!”

Alice examined Han Lin coldly, “Oh really? Why is that I can sniff the blood of so many Celestials in you?”

Han Lin turned ashen immediately!

She lowered her glance hopelessly but all of a sudden she lifted her head to look at Yi Ping, “Yes! You are right. I am guilty. You can slay me now if you want. I admit. I do have the blood of many of the celestials in my hands!”

Aiel shook her head, “That is because this is a chaotic era. Han Lin only did it because it is I who has asked her to do so. If we don’t defend ourselves, others will have done us!”

Alice said coldly, “Even though I have slept for a long time but I do

know the deeds of the Celestial Aiel Sect. It is not entirely honorable and you have already broken several of the most sacred laws of the Immortal Realm. Even the immortals have to obey the natural laws of the Heavens. Aiel, surely you do know about it?”

Aiel smiled bitterly as she looked at Isa and the Goddess of Mercy, “I have actually forgotten that I am an immortal after my Heaven Eyes had been sealed by you, Alice. But I don’t blame you. Because...”

She looked up as she looked tearfully at the Universal Old Man before she lingered her sight upon Yi Ping, “Because I don’t have any regrets. The lower realms are so beautiful. So full of emotions and lively people...”

The Heaveness Lingfeng muttered, “...everyone can choose their loves...”

Aiel nodded, “Compared to the lower realms, the Immortal Realm is a really cold and emotionless place.”

Lingfeng smiled coldly, “I have never been to the Immortal Realm but I find the Celestial Realm to be an equally cold and emotionless!”

Han Lin said weakly, “You can take away my life. I don’t care anymore!”

She muttered softly, “Yi...Ping...”

Yi Ping had already stepped next to Alice who surprisingly did not react as he said gently, “Alice, I know you won’t hurt Han Lin, am I right?”

Alice smiled coldly, “You are wrong. I will not only take Han Lin’s life away but I will also take the lives of Lie Qing and Ye Yin!”

Yi Ping was startled as he stammered with shock, “Alice! What is going on?!”

She hummed coldly, “That is only because of the two Darkswords that are in their hands. Do you know that these two Darkswords once belonged to two of the most powerful Heavenly Kings? They who are the slayers of countless immortals!”

Yi Ping was trembling, “Just because of that so they must die?”

Alice said coldly, “This is because of the destinies of these two divine swords that will lead their masters to go against Heaven and create havoc

in the Immortal Realm in the future. Therefore I must put a stop to their destinies first.”

Lie Qing smiled bitterly, “Thanks for telling me why I must die.”

Ye Yin was completely taken by this sudden turn of event as she thought, “Does Alice really wants to kill us? Can she do it alone? Can she even defeat Shen Xingyue or Lele in her current state? Or has she recovered from her injuries already? She is protected by the Heavenly Empress Robe and the Celestium Silk. Moreover for sure she has already attained the Indestructible Golden Body...”

Shen Xingyue, Youxue, Lele, Yixian and all the others had already encircled Lie Qing and Ye Yin in a protective manner!

Isa asked coldly, “Alice, what are you doing?”

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, “Alice, let Maiden Han Lin go now. Or don’t blame me!”

Alice smiled coldly, “Do you think that the whole lot of you are able to stop me? Don’t forget that I am a Seventh Cosmos Positioning Immortal. Before I kill all of you, I may as well let you know something. The engraved words that are in this hall are the intricacy formulas of the Flawless Sword Techniques and the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem! These two martial skills are much sought in the Immortal Realm and are not for your eyes.”

Isa and the Goddess of Mercy had turned pale immediately at the mention of the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques and the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem!

The Flawless Sword Energy Techniques had only three main techniques; the Fatal Masterstroke, the Slashing Crucifixion and the Exalting Obliteration. The Fatal Masterstroke was an energy imbued sword energy technique, the Slashing Crucifixion was a series of sword bursts and sword energy waves technique while the Exalting Obliteration was a combination of the Fatal Masterstroke and the Slashing Crucifixion!

The Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem was a superior inner art skill.

Only practitioners that could perfectly balance their martial force into the principle of the Absolute Equilibrium Force such as Yi Ping's Boundless Divine Force could practice this superior inner art skill!

Yi Ping continued to stand next to Alice as he said gently, "I don't believe that you will kill everyone just because you lust after these two divine skills..."

Alice interrupted coldly, "Why wouldn't I? A great battle between the Arhat Practitioners and the Zen Practitioners will soon start again. I don't want to die and I don't want others to know the weakness of these two divine skills."

She turned to Han Lin as she whispered coldly, "Han Lin, are you giving up without a fight? Is the Icy Dragon Maiden going to give up without a fight?"

Han Lin was trembling and she was in tears, "From the start, you have already known who I am..."

Alice said coldly, "That is right. I have already known who you are from the very start."

Han Lin pursed her lips as she said icily, "I have suddenly changed my mind. I don't want to die anymore..."

All of a sudden the Green Dragon Sacred Sword that was in her hands was enveloping in a green halo and at the same time she had swung her divine sword backward at Alice!

There was a cracking thunderous burst of impact as Alice lifted her divine sword to parry the attack!

Han Lin, Alice and Yi Ping had scurried back by the martial force!

In that split second, Alice was surrounded by everyone!

Han Lin immediately pointed her divine sword at Alice, "I really don't believe that with so many of us here we can't defeat you..."

Yi Ping said quietly, "Han Lin, you can stop now."

Han Lin was startled, "But she tries to kill us!"

Lele protested weakly, "That is right!"

Lie Qing and Ye Yin were looking at each other...

The Celestial Fairy Yixian said gently, "Alice means you no harm, Han Lin."

Yunzi was smiling, "That is right!"

The Universal Old Man was baffled, "What is going on?"

Isa and Aiel were exchanging baffled looks...

Alice broke into an amicably smile as she sheathed her divine sword into her scabbard, "Congratulation to you Han Lin, you have now divine harmonized with the Green Dragon Sacred Sword."

Han Lin stared blankly at Alice before she turned to look at the glowing Green Dragon Sacred Sword, "All this just to force me to my limits so that I can divine harmony with the Green Dragon Sacred Sword? For what purpose?"

Alice laughed gently, "You will soon see. We really need you to divine harmony with the Green Dragon Sacred Sword badly. Pardon me for exercising some extremes. Now thrust your divine sword into the pool and see what happens next!"

Han Lin did as she was told and soon after, furious bubbles could be seen from the pool!

That was not all that had happened; the greenish pool soon became as crystal clear and even gave out a heavenly fragrance!

Han Lin was a little startled as she thought, "Weird. I feel more energetic now...my martial strength is returning?"

Alice smiled, "I had seen the Jade Emperor dipping the Green Dragon Sacred Sword in the sword pools of the Immortal Realm on many occasions. That is because the Green Dragon Sacred Sword is a sanctified immortal sword that has the ability to purify the sword pools. But only if the owner is able to divine harmonize with it of course."

Now everyone finally understood the intentions of Alice!



Lele sniffed the air as she said delightfully, “So now, we can drink or take a dip in this relaxing pool?”

Alice was amused, “No you can’t and you will surely die.”

Lele was dismayed to hear, “Then how are we going to regain our martial strength?”

Alice smiled as she lifted her glances at everyone, “Only for those that have a divine weapon and have already divine harmonized with it. Follow Han Lin’s lead and dip your divine swords into the pool. Through your divine swords, you will be able to revitalize yourself by absorbing the essence from the Ancient Swords Pool. Not only will you regain your martial strength, the depth of your martial strength will also improve.”

Youxue, Aiel, the Universal Old Man and the others who did not have any divine weapons were not disappointed that they had missed the opportunity to improve their martial strength.

Yixian, Lie Qing and Lele went forward to dip their divine swords into the pool, followed by Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Ye Yin, Isa, Xingyue and Yunzi. They were all excited and feeling delightful!

The Heaveness Lingfeng took out a short sword from within her sleeves as she dipped it into the pool. This was actually the first time that everyone with the exception of the Universal Old Man had caught sight of her divine sword!

Alice noticed that Yi Ping had not dipped his divine sword into the pool yet so she asked him curiously as she smiled enchantingly to him, “The pool has more than enough room for you to dip your sword in it. Don’t tell me you will be shy?”

Yi Ping was staring blankly at the pool when he had heard Alice. He smiled weakly, “It seems that the wondrous effect of this Ancient Swords Pool can only happen once. So I am thinking...”

All of a sudden he had split the Celestial Alice into the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he took broad strides forward, “I wonder if I am able to gain twice as much martial strength

with two divine swords?”

“.....”

Everyone including Alice was stunned by Yi Ping!

Lingfeng gasped and scolded him gently, “You! You greedy pig...”

# Chapter 168: The Terrifying Boss of the Thirty-Eight Floor

Yi Ping pushed open the sealed gate and a gray hallway greeted them. Towards the end of this hallway was a shimmering portal that could lead them to the next level!

Yi Ping took the lead as they walked nervously into this hallway even as the gigantic imposing heraldry gate slammed shut behind them. This was a one way passage now and no amount of force from the inside could possibly open the sealed gate now.

Everyone was praying hard that this would not lead to the Death Gate and it would be the Life Gate instead!

The entire party had taken three days of rest in the sanctuary hall of the Ancient Swords Pool without any troubles. The three days were idyllic and they spent the three days getting to know each other better.

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin had found a new friend in Lie Qing and she had also become closer to Xingyue.

At the same time Lele had grown closer to Xingyue, Han Lin and Aiel.

And everyone now thought of Alice as less forbidding but she mostly kept to herself as she meditated, showing little interest in the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques and the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem that got everyone excited.

As for the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques, only the Celestial Fairy Yixian, the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing, the Joyful Goddess Lele and Dugu Yunzi managed to get pass the basic intricacies.

But Yunzi soon said, "Even though this Flawless Sword Energy is extremely formidable and may be suitable for me but with my present practice it is difficult to amalgam it into my Infinitude Practice and the Ley Negative Sword Energies. Moreover my Invincible Divine Force has not reached the desirable level for me to start practicing this type of sword energies technique and I may risk getting afflicted by the

phenomenon deviation...”

The Celestial Fairy Yixian nodded gently, her melody eyes smiling at Lie Qing and Lele. “These sword energies techniques are too dominating for me so I don’t think it is wise for me to practice beyond the first stage. Qing’Er, it seems that this intrinsic sword energies technique have some characteristics of your Pandora Sword Energies. Lele, what about you?”

Lie Qing nodded excitedly and she was beaming delightfully, “Actually my Pandora Sword Energies is based on the malevolent aura of the Perpetual Darkness and the level of expertise is based on the level of my Invincible Divine Force. Finally, I have found a clue to delve deeper into the mysteries of my sword energies techniques. Wonderful!”

The Goddess of Mercy was impressed that both Yunzi and Yixian were not tempted to attempt the intricacies of the Flawless Sword Energy. It was because few mortals, celestials or even immortals would resist this type of temptation. It was because everyone was gambling on that 1% chance to elevate their martial level!

Of course this had to do with the Celestial Fairy and Yunzi being more level-headed than the others too. Another reason was that the internal martial arts of the Celestial Fairy were too restrictive. As for Yunzi, she was well versed in the various martial arts of the fraternity and had trained herself selectively

She slowly turned to look at Lele while saying, “Indeed this type of sword energies is really too tyrannical. Less haste and more meditation is required to realize the full intricate understandings of this sword energies technique. You ought to exercise extreme caution. It is really a powerful skill.”

Lele smiled, “The first sword energies level isn’t too hard to master. But I doubt I can manage past the second. Only Yunzi and Lie Qing are true sword energy practitioners here.”

True sword energy practitioners were sword energies practitioners that had reached the divine attainment of distant attack. Because there was always a huge loss of energy lost over a distance, this was considered a

mystical level in the martial fraternity. A practitioner could generate powerful martial windforce with their martial power but martial windforce only had the advantage of upsetting the opponents' movements. Against a powerful opponent, it was hardly useful but was useful as gauge to estimate the practitioners' martial strength.

As for the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem, only a practitioner who could perfectly balance their martial force could actually practice its basic foundation. It seemed that only Yi Ping and Ye Yin were the only suitable candidates!

Ye Yin was muttering, "Today I have finally understood the reason why my protégé master refuses to teach me the superior martial arts of the Ascension Sect. Sorry, protégé master...I didn't understand back then. I have blamed you and Shen Xingyue..."

At that time she simply did not understand why the superior martial arts of the Ascension Sect which numbered into dozens would be refused to her and instead her training was just the Purity Spirits and meditation exercises!

There were regretful sighs from the onlookers that they were actually letting such wondrous martial intricacies slipping past right before their very eyes. The martial theories of this internal art skill were really profound and astonishing!

At first glance, everyone had instantly understood that this Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem was an unifying theorem that encompassed a third of all the well-known powerful internal arts in the Three Known Realms!

Even though they could not practice the exact Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem, they were all excited to gasp the various intricacy formulas that were being displayed and began to exchange pointers on how to incorporate some of its profound intricacies into their own internal arts!

Almost everyone that is with the exception of Yi Ping and Alice!

Isa asked Alice with a baffled look, "This is such a good opportunity to

improve our understanding of the internal arts. Moreover this divine skill belongs to one of the Heavenly Kings. Are you sure that you are not interested in it?"

Now that she had asked, the curiosity of the Goddess of Mercy was also aroused as she looked at Alice and Yi Ping. "What is wrong with the both of you? Don't tell me that practitioners of the Seventh Cosmos Positioning are all blind to the obvious?"

The rest of the group was all looking curiously at Alice and Yi Ping!

Alice sighed softly as she managed a weak smile, "It is not that I am disinterested. But I am afraid that if I were to take a look at these intricate formulas, I will only be distracting myself from reaching the pinnacle of my Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill. I just need one little step to overcome it."

Isa smiled bitterly, "I remember that ten thousand years ago you have said the same thing. And until now, you still have not overcome that hurdle. Maybe the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem can gain inspiration for you!"

Alice smiled sweetly, "That won't do."

Isa was a little surprised, "Why is that the case?"

The Goddess of Mercy asked, "Yes, why is that so?"

She laughed softly as she battled an eyelid at Yi Ping, "After all, don't you think we are now much closer after all these ordeals? And we are going to share...um...never mind...you are entitled to your secrets but if I say I am not going to fight you anymore, I surely mean it."

Isa nodded as she looked at the Goddess of Mercy and Yi Ping, "My honor may not have the reputation of the Goddess of Mercy but..."

She began to flush and she could find no words. How could she say it aloud in front of so many? In this area, she was really sorely lacking!

Alice smiled weakly, "Alright. I will say. This Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem is just the basic and cannot be comparable to the Martial

Emperor Unifying Theorem that is renowned in the Immortal Realm.”

Everyone else was startled as they looked curiously at her!

Isa was startled, “How did you know?”

Alice smiled weakly, “It is because during my venture into the Stellar Sanctuary, I have discovered dozens of epitome martial skills, including a copy of my Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill. All these martial skills are just the basic foundation in its purest form. But if you want to push these skills to their most epitomes, the practitioner must spend time to further refine it.”

Yi Ping nodded as he said, “The same skill won’t be the same after hundreds of years. It is because countless practitioners have toiled with their sweats and blood to improve upon the same skill. Therefore Alice is correct, all these skills in the Stellar Sanctuary is useless for a practitioner of her level unless she is willing to spend the time to meditate upon it.”

Alice laughed softly, “Not all are useless. The martial skills that are on the upper levels are almost perfect. Those are the ones that will be of interest to me...”

Isa blinked at Alice, “So that is why Alice isn’t interested. She has already set her sights on the martial skills on the upper level!”

Alice protested weakly in exasperation, “Don’t get me wrong. The Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem and the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques are comparable to the upper levels and are probably unique skills. I am really on the verge of overcoming the hurdle of my Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill and I have to keep it as pure as possible. Therefore both the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem and the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques are useless to me at this point.”

The Goddess of Mercy raised her beautiful thin brows, “Is she hinting that her Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill is even more superior to the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem?”

Isa said coldly, “What else can it be? If she isn’t so insolent, then she won’t be Alice.”

Alice quickly asked Yi Ping with a docile politeness before the others could ask her more, “Yi Ping, what about you? Why are you not interested in these two epitome divine skills? Surely your reasons are not the same as mine. Since you have already recovered your martial strength, it will be good for you to delve into the intricacies of these two divine skills to expand the scope of your martial knowledge.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose with great guilt before he looked up to laugh weakly, “Actually I can’t read. I am just waiting for someone to teach me after you are all done....”

“.....”

The Universal Old Man groaned miserably, “You are such a disgrace to me, Yi Ping!”

The Heaviness Lingfeng was laughing alluringly, “Yes he is! He even needs me to translate his family secret skills for him. I don’t even know if he following me because I have taken away his secret martial skills or he is simply following me just because he needs me to translate for him!”

Yi Ping was flushing with embarrassment and his ears were burning!

He answered weakly, “Lingfeng, there is so many people here...”

The Goddess of Mercy was so startled that she gasped, “Heavens! The Great God can’t read?!”

Aiel tried to defend Yi Ping, “These characters are very ancient. Not many practitioners can actually decipher the entire passage...”

Lingfeng hummed coldly, “The intricate writing of the Stellar Sanctuary is such that the intentions of the writing will be understood if the practitioners exercise their will upon it. Only the unenlightened practitioners...”

As she looked at Yi Ping, she began to roll back slightly as she giggled jovially. “...and the illiterate is not able to understand it!”

Yu’Er tried to comfort Yi Ping, “Master Yi Ping...” but when she had heard the last sentence that came from Lingfeng, she too burst into jovial



laughter!

Even Mei'Er was giggling and it was quickly followed by Lele, Yunzi, Ye Yin, Lie Qing and Han Lin!

Shen Xingyue pleaded with everyone, "We...shouldn't poke fun at Yi Ping....\*laughing\*" but she too, was rolling to and fro as she laughed jovially and there were beaming tears in her eyes!

Youxue was also laughing as she held her hands to cover half her face. She knew that she should not laugh but till, she could not help it. "Sorry... Ping'Er...so...if one day...if the Great God decides to give his edict, he has to deliver it verbally?"

Even Yixian could not resist a smile, "No Youxue, he will send you to deliver his edict for him!"

Han Lin covered her face as she giggled merrily, "So that is why he has in need of so many consorts. They are his messengers!"

What more should Yi Ping do or say?

He began to laugh along with them as he joked, "I really think that it is unwise for the whole lot of you to read into the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem. It is causing everyone to have delirium!"

Back to the present...

As soon as they reached the middle of the hallway, a burst of shimmering light exploded in front of them as a humanoid giant with a lower body and head of a goat burst into view!

Its presence was absolute fearsome and its killing malevolent air was absolutely suffocating!

Han Lin was terrified from the sight of this monster that she stammered out, "Is this the death gate? My heavens..."

The Heaveness Lingfeng replied coolly, "No idea!"

Alice gasped as she took a step back, "The Bestial Emperor Satyr! Everyone be careful! This is the death gate!"

When everyone had heard that this was the death gate, their blood was drained from their faces!

The death gate of the thirty-eight floor. It must be an exceptional powerful monster!

Yi Ping had immediately charged forward in a frenzy as he unsheathed the Celestial Alice. With a powerful martial shout that exploded into three bursts of martial force around him, he had displayed the Asper Divinity as he leapt forward to slash at the Bestial Emperor Satyr with a thunderous explosive impact!

Despite the power of the Asper Divinity, the Bestial Emperor Satyr was only swayed slightly as it began to retaliate against the off balance Yi Ping with its claws!

While the attacks of the Bestial Emperor Satyr was astonishing swift, Yi Ping was even quicker as he flipped in mid-air as he split the Celestial Alice into two as he slashed furiously at its claws and chest!

The martial power of the Asper Divinity could only last a quick three blink of an eye. Without waiting for his martial power to dissipate, Yi Ping had turned his body again as he gave another mighty martial shout as he raised the two Celestial Alice to give the Bestial Emperor Satyr two imploding slashes, one blue and one red across its chest with the Heavens Encompassing Strike!

This time the Bestial Emperor Satyr was knocked back three steps and the monster seemed to be in terrible pain!

The red streak was the martial strength of the Kirin's blood that was in Yi Ping's body while the blue streak was the Pangu Intricate Energy, the Essential Righteous Energy!

With the martial power of the Asper Divinity, the martial power of two Heavens Encompassing Strikes, the exploding martial power of the Kirin's blood and the intrinsic energies of the Essential Righteous Energy, the Bestial Emperor Satyr bellowed aloud in maddening pain!

Yi Ping seized the opportunity to scurry back as he had to time his

recover time even as the Bestial Emperor Satyr charged maddening at him!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian gasped aloud, “Yi Ping! Watch out!”

She had raised her Eternal Heavenly Tears to the eleventh level as she displayed the Absolute Defense Stance of the Divine Emerald Skill headlong at the charging monster!

Immediately there was a thunderous burst of explosion that shook the entire hallway as the terrifying Bestial Emperor Satyr was halted in its track!

The Bestial Emperor Satyr was so enraged that it shook its right fist to smash onto the Celestial Fairy Yixian!

The Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing had flashed next to Yixian and around her were eleven fast hovering blue wisps, “Allow me!”

Yixian smiled gently as she scurried back in the next instant, “So you have finally decided to display your true martial level.”

At this very instant, the heavy fist of the Bestial Emperor Satyr had come down slamming upon Lie Qing with a burst of terrible explosive impact!

Yi Ping panted breathlessly as he shouted, “Lie Qing!”

“Don’t worry.” A melodic voice could be heard; it was Lie Qing!

In the next instant the dust cloud was already visible and a heavenly maiden that exuded a golden halo while being surrounded by eleven beautiful hovering blue globes could be seen with both hands on top of her as she halted the mighty fist of the Bestial Emperor Satyr!

She had displayed her Golden Impervious Body and the eleventh level of the Invincible Divine Force at the same time!

Lie Qing smiled weakly, “It is a little too heavy for me! Where are you?”

“I have heard you!”

All of a sudden there were multiple explosive slashes across the head

and body of the Bestial Emperor Satyr!

It was Lele!

Her slashes were naturally more painful and afflicted more damage than Yi Ping even though it was much less powerful. It was because she had seized the opportunity to slash furiously against the Bestial Emperor Satyr with her wicked long black scythe and the Divine Echo at the moment it had just released its strength against Yixian and Lie Qing!

She had really timed her attack precision well unlike Yi Ping who had attacked when the Bestial Emperor Satyr's defense and martial strength was at its strongest. That was why it was able to withstand his attacks.

Just when the Bestial Emperor Satyr was bellowing painfully and in rage, Yi Ping had displayed the Asper Continuum and he was in front of the monster in the next instant as he displayed the Perfect Swordplay, slashing dozens of strikes upon the monster in a few blinks of an eye!

In that same instant, Lele had cried out. "Now! The Celestial Star Formation!"

A bursting dust cloud began to stir up from all around the Bestial Emperor Satyr as Lele, Yixian and Lie Qing were upon the monster in the next instant as they slashed furiously from all sides!

But this slashing was a synchronizing attack by the three maidens as they slashed furiously from bottom to the top without slowing down!

In three blinks of an eye, these three maidens had made over a hundred slashes while Yi Ping alone had made over forty slashes!

Finally there were another three burst of explosive impact that shook the entire hallway with a tremendous quake as the Bestial Emperor Satyr was struck fatally from three sides; it was the final pent up martial energies of the Celestial Star Formation!

At the same time Yi Ping had also released his pent up martial power with his newly gained Martial Emperor Unifying Force as he displayed the Asper Divinity, executing the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Strike with the heavier Celestial Antonym Alice and the Asper Continuum with

the lighter Celestial Synonym Alice!

The Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Strike was even more powerful than the Heavens Encompassing Strike that was displayed earlier and it was further enhanced by the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Asper Continuum!

Immediately the body of the Bestial Emperor Satyr seemed to cave in by the heavy strike of the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Strike even as the multiple strikes of the Asper Continuum continued unerringly!

As Yi Ping still had a little martial strength when the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Strike had just finished executing and the Asper Continuum had not finished striking so he struck the Bestial Emperor Satyr again with the furious martial power of the Ultrapowerful Force via the heavier Celestial Antonym Alice in another burst of tremendous impact!

The Bestial Emperor Satyr bellowed in an incensing rage as it exploded in a furious outburst of shockwaves as it dematerialized into nothingness, leaving Yi Ping, Yixian, Lele and Lie Qing panting breathlessly next to one another!

Immediately everyone rushed forward in a tremendous show of concern and support, “Yi Ping! Sisters, Ping’Er! Sister Xian’Er, Sister Qing’Er, Lele!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice was looking beamingly at Yi Ping, “So strong...”

The Goddess Isa was looking at Yi Ping with pride in her delightful eyes, “I wouldn’t have done better on my own...”

Aiel, Han Lin, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were touching Yi Ping with small gestures as they checked him for injuries!

The Heaveness Lingfeng said exasperatingly to them, “Isn’t that a little overkill?”

Shen Xingyue admonished them, “Do you know that I have almost suffered a heart attack in the first few moments!”

Lele panted breathlessly, “But...didn’t you...all...agree to let us...try...the Celestial...Star Formation...with...Yi Ping...?”

Youxue moaned shockingly, “But that is the death gate’s boss monster. I have almost lost my restraint and almost intervene!”

Lele protested weakly, “Don’t! Once...the Celestial...Star Formation...is initiated...you may even....be hurt...by it...but look, nothing...serious has...happened right?”

Yunzi shook her head, “Why didn’t any of you discuss further with anyone of us first...”

Lie Qing protested weakly, “The signal is for Yi Ping...to sound out the strength...of the monster first...”

She looked at Yixian, “Erm, since Sister Xian’Er has...already gone forward...so I have thought that...it is accordingly to our...earlier plans...”

Yixian smiled weakly as she inhaled a deep breath, “Regardless of plan or not, there is an opening from Ping’Er after his initial attack and the Bestial Emperor Satyr is already charging at him. I have to intervene quickly so I am not really thinking.”

Yi Ping looked at Yixian with astonishment. It seemed that she had already regulated her vital breathing. Her internal skill was indeed impressive!

Yunzi sighed softly, “Ping’Er, you should have waited for just a little second. We don’t know if we should intervene or not earlier!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “But...we have won...”

Lele murmured quickly, “It is all...thanks to the Celestial Star Formation!”

All of a sudden Lingfeng went forward and gave him a quick kiss on his face as she looked affectionately at him, “Right and looking quite pathetic!”

He was stunned as he looked blankly at her while touching his cheek...

Lingfeng flashed him an alluring look, “What’s wrong? You want a hard

kick instead of a tender kiss?”

# Chapter 169: The Sanctorum Relic

All the maidens were all looking shyly at Yi Ping, their eyes were full of affections and tenderness for him. At this moment all their hearts were fluttering as they appraised him.

Yi Ping was stoned as he stared at them dreamily. He had never have imagined that one day, he would have standing in front of so many heavenly maidens, beautiful in their own ways and actually would be reciprocating his heartfelt sentiments for them.

As he gazed at them, his memory began to recollect his exploits with all of them; their escapades together, their battles, their close shaves and many other things. It seemed like a long time had passed...

The Universal Old Man was still looking a little shaky as he murmured, "I can't believe it, really. Ping'Er, the Celestial Fairy, the Heavenly Temptress and the Joyful Goddess had attacked so swiftly that this Bestial Emperor Satyr could hardly even react after the initial charge. And the entire fight only lasts a minute. Moreover this is the death gate boss monster of the thirty-eight floor! What says you, my Heaveness?"

Lingfeng sighed softly as the Universal Old Man interrupted their quiet moments. This was followed immediately by the soft sighs of the others...

She took a shy look at the valiant Yi Ping and her heart was secret fluttering, "This is already the limit for our past attempts in the Stellar Sanctuary. Even the Immortal Saint of Swords won't be able to get past the fortieth floor..."

She smiled when she saw Yi Ping's curved lips because she knew that he was going to ask her for the reason so she replied him, "It is because past the thirtieth floor, the passages can get increasing complex and there are more trials at every intervening turns. Therefore the progression is really slow. We are simply lucky that we have found the exit so quickly."

Youxue smiled weakly, "Not that lucky it seems. It is the death gate that we have found."



Youxue, the Universal Old Man and the Goddess Aiel were the only ones that did not have any divine artefacts and they would have required an additional week of rest to recover from their internal injuries. This was considered to be quite rapid especially since they could recover ten times much faster in the Stellar Sanctuary than elsewhere.”

The Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang may not have a divine sword but she had miraculously recovered from her internal injuries. It was because her Heavens Sunder Mirror was a potent divine weapon in its own and could be affected by the Ancient Swords Pool.

Yi Ping continued to inhale deeply, “This Bestial Emperor Satyr is really strong. It is able to take in so many hits of my techniques without faltering.”

Lele smiled, “But we have won!”

Alice sighed softly as she lifted her eyes to look regally at Yi Ping, “Yi Ping, from now on you mustn’t fight solo anymore.” She proceeded to look at Lele, Yixian and Lie Qing, “Or display the Celestial Star Formation anymore.”

Lele asked curiously, “Why so?”

Alice replied eloquently, “This is for your safety. Future fights may not be as easy and you should exercise caution. As for the Celestial Star Formation, it may be a formidable formation but your opponent is a brainless monster that can be defeated by sheer martial strength. But against the intricacy moves of the Immortals and the more powerful Guardians of the Stellar Sanctuary, it is completely useless.”

Yi Ping nodded as he said warmly, “Maiden Ziyan, you are right. I will listen to you.”

Alice gave him a quick smile before looking at Lele again, “Though the Celestial Star Formation is formidable but it is also extremely physical taxing. What if you can’t defeat the opponent in time then won’t all of you be defenseless?”

The Celestial Fairy Yixian nodded with an appreciative smile, “The

Great Goddess is right. That is what I have feared too.”

She turned to say gently to Lele, “Lele, I am sure that we have finally fulfilled your wish to execute the Celestial Star Formation with you as the lead this time. Next time, wait for my lead alright?”

Lele replied weakly, “Oh well, we still got a long way to go before we can perfect the Celestial Star Formation. Alright then.”

But from her determined eyes, Yi Ping knew that Lele was not going to give it up so soon.

This prompted him to think, “Is something going to happen soon? Why is Lele so insistent on perfecting the Celestial Star Formation?”

But his thoughts were quickly interrupted by the sudden manifestation of a brilliant light that was near the shimmering blue portal that was in front of them!

It was a rainbow prism and its divine light was absolutely stunning to behold!

Alice gasped immediately, “This is...”

The Goddess of Mercy gasped with shock, “I can’t believe it that this thing will actually appear at this level. This is the...”

The enchanting Aiel blurted out to continue for her, “The most forbidden of the forbidden, the Sanctorum Relic!”

The Goddess Isa took a step forward but she quickly mindful of the many stares. She began to flush as she stammered, “I am just trying to take a closer look...”

The Heaveness Lingfeng asked, “What is it?”

The Goddess of Mercy stole a glance at Alice before she smiled wryly, “This is the most precious of all heavenly metals. It is so scarce that it can even spark a war in the Immortal Realm!”

The Heaveness Lingfeng was startled, “And it can be found on the thirtieth eight floor? What actually is it?”

Everyone began to look at the Goddess Celestial Alice for an answer.

Alice explained coolly and she was smiling brightly, "I can't explain why the Sanctorum Relic is here but I am certainly glad that I can see it. Perhaps it is due to the impossible difficult of this death gate or others."

She soon gave a piteous look, "Unfortunately there are so many of us and there is only one Sanctorum Relic. I won't be contesting for it so the rest of you will have one less competitor."

Youxue smiled weakly, "You still haven't told us what exactly it is and what does it do?"

The Goddess of Mercy sighed softly, "It has the effect of further enhancing our divine weapons. You really think that Alice is giving it up because she does not covet after it? That is because she already have one and it is within her Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword. Why do you think we fear her sword so much?"

The Goddess Isa smiled bitterly, "The Astronomic Eulogy divine Sword has altogether seven seals. The power of her divine sword is in its restrictive sealing and that last seal is the augment power of the Sanctorum Relic. If my Divine Constellation Sword has a Sanctorum Relic to augment its power then I may not lose to Alice."

The Goddess of Mercy laughed softly, "And now this Sanctorum Relic is right in front of us. Isn't it a perfect match for my Heavens Sundering Mirror? Why waste it on the lower grade divine swords?"

The Goddess Isa smiled coldly, "Or my Divine Constellation Sword?"

Yi Ping was quite upset that the harmony between Xiang and Isa had been broken just because of one Sanctorum Relic.

Therefore he raised his voice as he said coldly, "Since the two of you like it so much, you can have it! Why are you fighting over a piece of metal? Isn't friendship more important than anything else? I have thought that the two of you are going to be great sisters from on now but I am so wrong!"

Xiang and Isa were startled by Yi Ping sudden admonition so much that

they had turned slightly pale and everyone could see that they were shaken!

As one of the most powerful immortal goddesses in the Immortal Realm, it had always been the others that got the receiving end of their admonitions and not the other way round. Anyone that dare to be insolent to them had to bear the consequences with their own lives!

They seemed to have lost their superior air and they were looking at Yi Ping with humbled eyes!

They really wanted to please Yi Ping and were at a total loss.

Some of the other maidens had also turned pale immediately. It was because they had the desires to claim the Sanctorum Relic for themselves but were not as quick to speak out.

But it was a lucky thing for them or else they would be at the receiving end of Yi Ping's reproach!

Lele was smiling weakly because she had almost stepped forward to claim the Sanctorum Relic as did Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Lie Qing and Han Lin!

Only Yixian, Yujian and Mei'Er were not tempted!

Yunzi smiled gently as she said, "Didn't we agree to make Yi Ping our party leader? Didn't we agree to have him distribute the loot for all of us?"

Immediately the rest of the maidens began to nod and muttered among themselves!

Yi Ping said unhappily, "I know that I am a leader but in name only. I only wish that everyone will be able to put aside your own personal interests and work towards our common goal, in harmony and in contention."

The Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang immediately took small steps toward him before she tugged his sleeve lightly, "Xiang'Er knows that I am wrong. Xiang'Er will listen to you in future. What do you say? Please

forgive my rudeness. I really don't mean it at all. Don't be angry alright? Xiang'Er doesn't want the Sanctorum Relic anymore. You can give it to the rest. I don't mind at all!"

Yi Ping was smiling weakly as his heart immediately melted when he saw how she had humbled and reproached herself. In fact, he was now flushing as he blamed himself. So he quickly said, "Xiang'Er, I am sorry too for raising my voice..."

Lie Qing was smiling weakly as she thought, "This Goddess of Mercy is now resorting to a soft approach. She is really a quick learner..."

The Goddess Isa was renowned for her pride or else she would not be called the battle maiden for nothing. So she found it hard to swallow her pride on many occasions. But today she was really worried that she may lose Yi Ping. Prophecy or not that she would be one of the Great God's consorts it did not matter to her as long as her beloved was Yi Ping and no one else.

So she was really afraid that she would fall out of favor with Yi Ping especially when he already had so many beauties around him that were fighting for his attention. Moreover the Yi Ping now was even more powerful than some of the more powerful immortals so in the future if he were to go to the Nine Heavens Realm, he would surely captivated the hearts of countless heavenly immortal maidens!

A look of helplessness came over her as she lifted her hands close to her bosoms while averting her eyes from Yi Ping as red flushes appeared on her melancholy countenance, "Yi Ping...I am sorry as well. I really do not know what to say to you. Please forgive my rude audacity. I...I...really want to be with you so please give me a chance. As for this Sanctorum Relic, I do not want it either. You can give it to the rest!"

Everyone else was shocked that the Goddess Isa would actually be professing her affections for Yi Ping in front of everyone!

Yi Ping was the most stunned and his heart was suddenly pounding hard in embarrassment!

The Goddess Isa had disclosed her heartfelt emotions within her. Her

heartfelt expressions, the sincerity in her countenance was extremely moving and it gave her a different allure from Xiang'Er.

So how could Yi Ping not be moved?

This caused Yi Ping to stammer especially when he had realized that he was actually holding Xiang and Isa in his embrace in the presence of everyone, "Alas! I...It is really my fault! I shouldn't have raised my voice and have frightened you. I am not a man!"

Isa cuddled against Yi Ping as she whispered shyly, "That day when you have already seen all of me, I have already given my heart to you..."

Yi Ping had suddenly exploded into red hot embarrassment as he lie panicky, "I...have my eyes closed all the time..."

Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er were so startled that they gasped out, "What?"

Ye Yin said exasperatingly, "Now I know why she is so close to you!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Ye Yin, hear me out first. The others are also with me that day..."

Lingfeng had a blank expression on her, "I will like to know of it very much too!"

All of a sudden Aiel said solemnly, "Yi Ping, do you still remember that you owe me a wish?"

It caused Yi Ping to be paused in his tracks as he nodded gently to her, "I remember. As long as it is not against the code of righteousness, I will surely accede to you."

Han Lin asked, "Mistress, you really want the Sanctorum Relic?"

Alice raised her alluring thin brows in alarm...

The Heaveness Lingfeng asked alarmingly, "Why would you promise her a wish out of the blue?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "She is the one that saved Xian'Er and Isa. I am grateful to her for lending us such valuable help."

He turned to look gently at Aiel, “Aiel if you want the Sanctorum Relic, you can have it as part of the party loot. Is that alright for you?”

Lingfeng smiled wryly, “How generous of you!”

The Universal Old Man was naturally on the side of Aiel, “Ping’Er, you should be a man to hold your oaths and not to think of your personal advancement!”

Yi Ping nodded, “Surely! It is only a Sanctorum Relic. We can always find more later.”

Isa, Alice, Xiang, Han Lin and Lingfeng were smiling weakly. It was because there were no assurances that they could find more! It was extremely rare!

Aiel stammered as she looked shyly at Yi Ping, “I...you have completely misunderstood my intentions.”

Yi Ping was startled, “I did?”

Aiel heaved a soft sigh as her ears had turned completely red, “I...I...I want you to take me...as your consort...”

Yi Ping was so startled that he had taken a step back!

Han Lin was shocked by her mistress’ boldness that she was staring blankly in disbelief. It was because Aiel always took seemingly forever to decide things so she had never expected her to blurt out her innermost feelings!

Aiel was beaming with tears as she thought, “Will he reject me? Is it too sudden?”

She had finally found the courage to bring up what troubling her throbbing heart after hearing the heartfelt confessions of the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa!

The Universal Old Man was totally stunned by Aiel’s confession!

When she noticed that Yi Ping was not replying to her confession, her eyes began to swell up as she averted her eyes as she quickly said dejectedly. “I won’t force you to accept me...I am inferior to...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping patted her on her shoulder as he nodded to her.

She was startled as she looked into his eyes that were full of warmth. She wanted to say that she was inferior to Alice, Isa and Xiang but Yi Ping had suddenly cut her short!

This one pat and one nod said it all.

If it was Yi Ping in the past, he would surely reject her but today he really did not have the heart or the resolute!

But because he had some remnants of the White Sage and the Dark Chaos Lord, he was constantly hunted by his past tragic memories that were deeply etched in his mind. Moreover, it was really hard to resist the Goddess Aiel after all they had been through and he felt responsible for outraging her modesty in the past.

Yi Ping said with a heavy sigh, "Alas! If the Lady Aiel does not mind a boorish and illiterate fellow like me for company, if the Lady Aiel does not mind..."

Aiel had immediately put her finger on his lips as she answered delightfully, "No, I do not mind. I do not mind at all! All I want to be is to be with you and I will really be extremely content!"

The Universal Old Man was extremely stunned as he was not expecting Ai to be so bold. After all he had known her for a long time and knew that she had always kept her innermost feelings buried inside her even though it had been really obvious...

In the past, she had dropped him numerous hints. It was not that he did not know but he sort of enjoyed the feeling of being on his own and being loved by Ai. Also, there were numerous beauties in the Celestial Realm like the Heaveness too...

The Heaveness Lingfeng whispered to him, "You are already half-expecting it so why are you having this funny expression?"

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly, "You don't understand..."

The Heaveness Lingfeng whispered without any expression, "You really



ask for it. With your reputation in the Celestial Realm, you have no lack of love interest. Therefore I do not pity you, not even a little. You have better go with the Lady Winter Plum. She is really a wonderful lady with a good heart...”

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly, “I am a highly attained celestial and preferred to focus on the path of cultivation...”

The Heaveness Lingfeng hummed coldly, “Oh really. Then don’t you follow me from on now.”

The Universal Old Man protested immediately, “My Heaveness, we are in the middle of nowhere now!”

Even though the Universal Old Man and the Heaveness were whispering and was barely audible, they knew that their conversations could not be hidden from the group who were all super exponents.

Fortunately, they were ignored by the group as the rest was all captivated by the exchanges between Yi Ping and Aiel.

Everyone was secretly hoping that Yi Ping would not be so dense and would reject Aiel. Even though they did not know Aiel for a long time except for Han Lin but her attentive ministration of her pills to them was a great deal. No one knew how to repay her for this gratitude in this age of honor. Perhaps this would be the next best thing!

Han Lin on the other hand was totally stunned by Aiel’s boldness. It was because she had always been more outspoken and less shy than her. But today, she could actually be so out of character and to muster her courage in declaring her affections?

Aiel had always been more compliant than most. But today she had actually dared to break the sacred law of the Goddess Theocracy in the presence of the Goddess Celestial Alice!

Yi Ping said gently to Aiel who was teary, “Let’s go. The end of the passage will lead us to the next floor. I promise you but first of all we need to get out of the Stellar Sanctuary then only can we have a future.”

Aiel nodded delightfully to Yi Ping before stealing a glance at Alice who

nodded to her.

What was Alice thinking? She was certainly not revealing any!

Immediately Aiel was surrounded by Isa, Xiang, Mei'Er, Yu'Er, Yixian, Lele, Lie Qing, Youxue, Yunzi, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue as they started to laugh jovially together!

Han Lin teased Yi Ping, "Yi Ping, don't you dare to bully Aiel in the future or I won't spare you!"

All of a sudden Alice said quietly, "We still haven't settled the ownership of Sanctorum Relic yet. It is too invaluable to be distributed later. Can I suggest that we give it to Yi Ping?"

Yi Ping protested immediately, "I am alright really..."

But all of a sudden he froze as all the maidens began to look tenderly at him in total silence; it was all too clear that they wanted him to have the Sanctorum Relic!

He muttered with a soft sigh as he walked to the Santorum Relic as he lifted the Celestial Alice, "Alright then."

Immediately everyone followed Yi Ping excitedly as they were also curious to know what would happen!

There was a bright binding flash of light as the Celestial Alice Divine Sword absorbed the Sanctorum Relic.

As Yi Ping lifted the Celestial Alice to inspect closely, he could feel a wondrous harmony within the Celestial Alice as if it had just been reborn. Because he had already divine harmonized with the Celestial Alice, he could sense the transformation within the Celestial Alice and he was excited!

Lingfeng asked curiously, "Is there any changes? I don't see any..."

Ye Yin was also baffled, "Same here. My aura sense didn't notice any different either."

Alice smiled mysteriously, "There is but it is not obvious. Yi Ping will still have to further divine harmonized with his divine sword to bring the

augment power to the surface. But it will definitely be good, even wondrous.”

She looked at Han Lin, “Han Lin.”

Han Lin was startled when the Goddess Celestial Alice had called her, “Yes?”

Alice gave her a quick smile, “Do you know that your Green Dragon Sacred Sword is already imbued with the Santorum Relic. If you are able to divine harmonized further with your Green Dragon Sacred Sword then you will be able to reveal its true strength.”

Han Lin was startled as she looked delightfully at the Green Dragon Sacred Sword as she made a silent resolute to grasp its intricacies , “Really?...”

Aiel called out to her with a tease before she walked quietly shyly behind Yi Ping, “Han Lin, we are entering the portal now. Hurry or we will be leaving you behind!”

Yi Ping took a last look at Aiel before he entered the shimmering portal. It was because he simply could not believe her physical makeover; she had suddenly become extremely enticing and her countenance was unbelievably mesmerizing that it took him quite an effort to pull away his glances at her!

When Yi Ping entered through the shimmering blue portal, he was surprised by a bright light that was in front of him!

Immediately he could breathe the fresh air and see the rolling clouds!

Lingfeng laughed softly beside him, “What takes you so long? Can’t bear to let go of Aiel even for a while? Isn’t it beautiful? We are finally in the open again.”

Yi Ping immediately looked around; they seemed to be in a light forest and there were tall cliffs around as he murmured, “Where are we?”

The Goddess Isa who was one of the first to enter the shimmering portal immediately pointed to a towering black monument behind them

as she gave Yi Ping a warm smile, “I know you can’t read so I am translating for you. We are on the fortieth floor now!”

Immediately Yu’Er and Mei’Er were chucking jovially behind Yi Ping followed by Yunzi, Youxue, Xiang and Isa.

Yi Ping did not feel upset but he was clearly captivated by their heavenly sights and that made his heart grown glad. He was slightly disappointed that this passage did not take them as far up the Stellar Sanctuary as he had hoped.

But Lingfeng and the Universal Old Man had suddenly become very solemn!

Lingfeng said quietly as she casts nervous look at her surroundings, “Yi Ping, we ought to be really careful on this level. It gets really dangerous at every tenth levels in the Stellar Sanctuary. Naturally the rewards are also greater but it is often not worth the risk if we want to live through it...”

Just as Yi Ping was listening attentively while also waiting for the rest of the group to step through the shimmering portal, there was a sudden shriek that came from beyond the cliffs!

The shriek was eerily chilling to the spine!

Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa had turned pale immediately; it was because they had recognized the familiar voice of the Goddess Asura!

Yi Ping did not pause to think why the Goddess Asura could be ahead of them. His first thoughts were that the Goddess Asura was in trouble and that he had to go to her aid quickly before it was too late!

Therefore he said panicky, “I will go and take a look first! Wait here! There may be formidable opponents ahead of us.”

The Goddess Isa called out after him, “Yi Ping, wait for me!”

# Chapter 170: The Dark Primordial and Great Ascetic Heavenly Kings

In a forest glade somewhere on the fortieth floor of the Stellar Sanctuary...

A short wrinkled old man with a white plum fan was squatting on top of a boulder as he laughed hoarsely at the scene below him; an extremely beautiful heavenly maiden with tattered robe was languishing painfully on the ground and was being kicked by another old wrinkled man with a long beard in a black robe while three younger men were watching solemnly behind!

The wrinkled old man with a white plum fan was Yun Dingzhong the Great Ascetic Heavenly King while the old man in black robe was Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King!

The extremely beautiful heavenly maiden had broken into cold sweat and the loose threads of her wet hair were upon her petite face.

“Goddess Asura, hehe!” Old Man Xuantian laughed coldly as he kicked her again, “You didn’t think that you will fall into my hands?”

Yun Dingzhong hummed coldly as he stared at the other three immortal practitioners that were cowering next to them, “So the hunter has now become the hunted!”

The three immortal practitioners that were standing at the side were all stammering, “May the Great Ascetic Heavenly King spares us. We have already done what you have asked by luring the Goddess Asura to you...”

Yun Dingzhong casted them a cold stare that caused them to be silenced immediately before he smirked coldly, “I will let you go when I am in a happier mood. But now, it is not your place to speak!”

Old Man Xuantian caught hold of the long hair of the Goddess Asura as he pulled her head to him while sitting on her and at the same time he was also caressing her back shamelessly, “How dare you kill my disciple Chu Mingfan! Do you know how long I have been grooming this good

disciple of mine as one of the most powerful leaders in the Celestial Realm? Speak! Where are your companions and where is your rendezvous point?”

The Goddess Asura held back her tears as she gasped while making a futile attempt to grab her divine staff the Symphony of Destiny which was lying next to her, “I don’t know...any Chu Mingfan...and I certainly won’t betray...my group! Don’t touch...me!”

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, “Hmph! You are still quite tight! Do you believe that I have many ways to force you to submit to my will? Trust me. There are fates that are worse than death and I will have you down on your knees as you beg me for your mercy but I shall show you none of that! So make the oath and submit to me!”

Yun Dingzhong smirked coldly, “You have already broken her legs as a warning. If she still did not want to submit to you, teach her a lesson and humiliate her.”

As the Old Man Xuantian slipped his hands past her robe and into her bodice, the Goddess Asura screamed disconsolately, “Don’t touch me! Have...you forgotten about...the sacred laws of...the Immortal Realm!”

Old Man Xuantian laughed wickedly as he spat furiously, “What sacred laws? We are now in the Stellar Sanctuary where we are not bounded by any heavenly laws. Haven’t you been hunting the other immortals and killing anyone that refused to heed you? So what is the difference between you and me?”

Yun Dingzhong said hoarsely, “Brother, are you thinking of using force to copulate with her? This is considered low hand!”

Old Man Xuantian stopped in his tracks as he looked at Yun Dingzhong with a cold smile, “So what do you suggest?”

The Goddess Asura was slightly relieved when the Old Man Xuantian had stopped invading her as she thought that maybe Yun Dingzhong would admonish Old Man Xuantian for daring to commit such an abhorrent act against a fellow immortal practitioner!

But the next words that had come from Yun Dingzhong totally sunk her heart, “You should try to use persuasion first. Failing that then you may use force. It is only proper. Hahaha!”

Old Man Xuantian laughed, “Brother, are you envy of me? We have made an agreement for you to take the Goddess Celestial Alice and I will take the Goddess Asura. Are you trying to be a sour grape now? At most after I have toyed with her, I will let you have a share!”

Yun Dingzhong laughed aloud, “Then let me offer my sincere thanks to brother first!”

They were obviously making sport out of her as she cried out woefully, “Beasts! The two of you are beasts and are unfit to be called Immortals! Where are your honor...don’t you have any shame at all...”

The immortal practitioner that was standing in the middle was trembling as he clenched his fists to say, “This is enough...”

But he had never got the chance to finish as Yun Dingzhong had suddenly raised his fingers and struck him down in a thunderous bloodied impact with his Divine Scattering Impact!

The other two immortal practitioners were scared out of their wits as they turned ashen. It was because to be able to kill an immortal that was naturally protected by their golden body with just a single hit, it spoke volumes of the vast martial differences between them!

What was scary was that all three of them were ranked among the powerful immortals and they were all at the fifth immortal positioning; the Lesser Cosmos Positioning!

The Goddess Asura was at the sixth immortal positioning; the Greater Cosmos Positioning and even then she was helpless against the Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King!

Earlier Yun Dingzhong the Great Acetic Heavenly King had subdued them with the mere power of his Mayhem Divine Force, it actually had taken him some time. But now when he had suddenly displayed his Divine Scattering Impact and killed one of their own instantly, they knew

now that he was merely toying with them earlier and giving them an impression that they may still have that little chance if they were to unite together!

Even the Goddess Asura was shocked at the sudden martial display of Yun Dingzhong as she stared in disbelief. It was because it was nearly impossible to kill any immortal outright as all the immortals were naturally protected by a golden body which minimized the impact of physical blows.

Her golden indestructible body combined with her Mystica Intricacies Force was a deadly defensive combination which offered her a greater protection than most others but Old Man Xuantian was able to break her legs so effortlessly.

With her Symphony of Destiny, she could only manage thirty strokes against Old Man Xuantian and he was not even trying his best. By now, she had completely given up hope as her body limped coldly onto the ground as she realized that they were just toying with her to break her spirit...

Yun Dingzhong said coldly, "Did I just hear a dog barking? There seems to be two more dogs here. What if these two dogs are to go around telling the others what they have seen then our good repute will be forever tarnish?"

The two immortal practitioners fell to their knees immediately as they cried aloud at the same time, "We can make an oath to Heavens that we certainly won't reveal what we have witnessed today! Please have mercy upon us! We swear to the Eternal Heavens that we won't reveal anything that has happened today! If only the Acetic Heavenly King is willing to show us a little mercy!"

Yun Dingzhong smirked coldly, "Since the two of you have made the oaths then I am willing to bestow an act of mercy on you. I may even be happy to let the two of you share Asura after we are done with her. What is it? You are not happy with my arrangement?"

The two immortal practitioners were stunned but they dare not show



any signs of displeasure so they quickly cried out loudly to offer their most profuse thanks!

The Goddess Asura could not take it anymore as she coughed out blood on the spot!

This brought up a smile on the tip of Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian!

Old Man Xuantian laughed aloud as he flipped her over, “Her golden body is broken at last!”

Yun Dingzhong laughed coldly as he feasted lustfully at the half naked Asura, “So finally you can touch her tender flesh. It seems that you have found someone to replace Chu Mingfan and she is someone who is in an even higher position.”

Old Man Xuantian had already slipped his hands into her restricted areas even as he popped a pill into her mouth while saying lustfully to her, “Normally this type of pill won’t work on you. But since your golden body has been broken, you won’t be able to resist it even if your willpower and internal strength is at its peak. Soon you will be the most wanton woman and you will be begging me to dominate you. If I am in a good mood, I may even decide to dual celestial with you and help you to further your immortal practice. All these will naturally depend on your performance!”

The Goddess Asura limped coldly and she no longer had any emotions. It was because she had suddenly realized that she had been tricked. When her rage emotions attacked her and when she had coughed out blood, her golden body was broken and that was really their true objective. The thought of losing her chastity to them caused her spirit to be completely broken as well!

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, “Why are you playing hard to get? You should be more passionate. When I have become the Great God, I will also claim the throne of the Goddess Theocracy. Then you still have to come under my domination. It is just a matter of sooner or later.”

But still, the Goddess Asura said nothing but remained completely

emotionless...

Yun Dingzhong hummed coldly to remind him, "You are not the only one who will become Great God. Don't forget that we are in this together."

Old Man Xuantian laughed, "Of course, of course!"

"Let her go immediately!" There was a great shout that thundered valiantly from beyond the forest glade!

The Old Man Xuantian looked up coldly just in time to see a young refine young man and a alluring young maiden in a gold-white armor dashing toward them; indeed they were Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa!

Yi Ping was teething with rage as he popped in front of them in the next instant, followed by the Goddess Isa. Their swift movements were indeed extraordinary impressive!

When the Goddess Asura heard a valiant shout, her spirits was immediately stirred. But when she saw that it was only Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa, her hopes sunk again and she lowered her head in humiliation. She knew that they were certainly not the match of these two Heavenly Kings but why would they come to defend her? If they had come in a bigger group then there may be a shimmer of hope but it seemed that she would be able to escape from their clutches. She muttered feverishly, "Alice...I am sorry...I have failed in my mission...but I won't betray you..."

The Goddess Isa was stunned at the humiliating sight of the Goddess Asura as she thought shockingly as she saw that her golden eyes had now turned to gray, "Her golden body has been broken through? But how..."

A sense of nausea and fear swelled within her which caused her to turn extremely pale because what had happened to Asura could also happen to her!

Immediately her hostility toward this one-time opponent vanished as she casted a cold stare at Old Man Xuantian, Yun Dingzhong and the two immortal practitioners that were still kneeling on the ground.

She said icily to Old Man Xuantian even as her body began to shudder, “Let go of your hands immediately and what do you think that you are doing? I have never expected that the Heavenly Kings will be capable of such an abhorrent act!”

Yun Dingzhong the Great Ascetic Heavenly King had naturally recognized Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa. That day, he had deliberately let them off for the time being because he was waiting for Old Man Xuantian and Chu Mingfan.

He immediately said, “Brother Xuantian, do you remember that I have encountered a group that has the Green Dragon Sacred Sword?”

Old Man Xuantian stared coldly at Yi Ping, “So it is this group that had stolen the Green Dragon Sacred Sword and had killed my beloved protégé Mingfan. I remember that you mention that there are two maidens that are from this group that you want? Is she the one?”

Yun Dingzhong laughed, “She is a really a great beauty. Even in the Immortal Realm, it is difficult to find such heavenly beauties. If I am not wrong, she must be a Goddess. But I have always been generous with you, just as you have always been generous with me. You can have her if you want. I just want the other two.”

He was referring to Lele and Han Lin!

Old Man Xuantian laughed, “Brother Dingzhong is really generous with me. If I don’t accept your generous offer then I am really too petty! I am really in luck today. There are two Goddesses for me today.”

In the Immortal Realm, there was a strict hierarchy in the choice of immortal titles for the heavenly maidens. Goddess was the title for the most heavenly maidens, followed by Sagess and Fairy.

The Goddess Isa was shocked beyond words as she shuddered uncontrollably; it was because they were treating her as though she was a commodity and had totally no regards for her. If they were not the Heavenly Kings, she would have unsheathed her sword to fight them immediately!

Now that Yi Ping was so close to these two Heavenly Kings, he could feel that the air was filled with their suffocating malevolent presence that seemed to be strangling him. He immediately knew that they were extremely powerful.

But that did not stop red-faced Yi Ping from shouting aloud again even as his entire body began to tremble uncontrollably in their presence, "Let go of her immediately or don't blame me for being impolite!"

That was going to be Yi Ping's last warning to them. Heavenly Kings or not, what they were doing now was despicable and he was not going to watch silently by the side!

Isa was really scared and this was the very first time that she was so fearful. Not for herself but for Yi Ping. It seemed that he really did not know how formidable these Heavenly Kings really were!

Old Man Xuantian was amused because these two puny newly arrivals did not seem to know that their lives were hanging on a thread as he smirked coldly while looking at Isa lustfully, "What if I don't? Or maybe you want to join me? No one will know about it."

That was really the last straw and Yi Ping had raised his palm forward as he displayed the Heaven Stance of the Divine Horizon Hands!

Old Man Xuantian was secretly smiling as he raised his palm forward to receive Yi Ping's blow.

It was because he knew that his opponent had been attacked by rage emotions hence losing the upper hand in judgement and superior air which was critical in a combat. But of course for a powerful fighter like himself, there was really no need to resort to such psychology means to gain advantages.

His main objective was to break his opponent's spirit to the point of no return!

When an opponent was under the influence of inferiority, those elements that had once haunted him would create an additional invisible barrier that would hinder his future progression. Most had never

recovered and they sunk into deep depressions!

As Yi Ping was near to him, he had immediately changed his stance to the Ultrapowerful Force, his intention was to force this old man to back off first while he rescued the Goddess Asura!

There was a thunderous impact that shook the vicinity as Yi Ping and Old Man Xuantian were both forced to take seven steps back due to the tremendous backlash of their martial outburst!

Yi Ping was quickly caught by the Goddess Isa as she asked panicky, “Yi Ping, are you alright?”

Yi Ping could still feel the trembling of his right hand. The martial power of his opponent was indeed powerful!

He answered Isa as he gritted his teeth, “I am alright!”

Even though he had casually lifted his palm to receive Yi Ping’s blow but Old Man Xuantian was still startled when he was pushed back seven steps as he muttered under his breath, “His martial strength...”

Yun Dingzhong was also startled as he lifted his thick white brows to appraise this young man anew!

One must know how formidable Old Man Xuantian’s internal strength was. Even though he did not appear to exercise any martial power but in order to move him from his spot was like moving an unmovable mountain. Therefore one could imagine the amount of martial strength and power required!

The Goddess Asura was even more startled when she had witnessed it. It was because she had personally sounded out Yi Ping’s martial strength. It was impossible to have such leaps and bounds in his martial strength in such a short time. Certainly not even in a thousand years for internal strength practice was painfully slow and the gains were minutes!

All of a sudden her lifeless body began to tremble and there was a glimmer of hope in her eyes...

Old Man Xuantian secretly vowed to make this young man pay dearly

for this humiliation as he asked coldly, “Just who are you?”

His face was flinching slightly because he had thought it weird that someone would actually receive a blow from him and emerged unscathed even though he had not gotten serious yet.

But the most baffled thing was that when they had exchanged blows, he could feel the unmistakable impact of the Universal Force. The Heavenly Relics were the container vessels of the Universal Force and in the living, it was impossible to contain the sheer erratic energy of the Universal Force. That was why divine swords had to be forged from the Heavenly Relics to act as vessel for the Lesser Universal Force and the more powerful divine swords were the vessels for the Greater Universal Force.

“Or is it because of the divine sword that is at his side? A divine sword that has been imbued with the Universal Force?”

Old Man Xuantian had made these analysis at the same time when he had asked, “Just who are you?”

Yi Ping immediately said sternly, “I am Yi Ping and just who you are?”

Old Man Xuantian was secretly enraged that this insolent young man did not even know him but he suppressed his emotions as he replied coldly, “You can address me as Old Man Xuantian.”

The Goddess Isa immediately whispered to Yi Ping, “He is Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King and the one with the white plum fan you have met before is Yun Dingzhong the Great Ascetic Heavenly King.”

She wanted to tell Yi Ping that the two of them were not their match and that they had to find the first opportunity to escape. But she suppressed this urge as it was as good as telling their opponents that they were fearful of them. She could only pray that the rest of their group would not be able to find them anytime soon or they would only be delivering themselves to these two Heavenly Kings!

She could only suppress the rest to her heart as she thought heart wrenchingly, “Yi Ping, I am glad to perish with you. May we become a

couple in our next life!”

It was because she knew that killing the two Heavenly Kings were even more difficult than ascending to the Heavens and the stoned expression that was on the Goddess Asura had already told her that she had completely resigned herself to her ill-fated adversity...

She unsheathed her Divine Constellation Sword as she stared hatefully at the two Heavenly Kings!

Actually Yi Ping was not hopeful at all but he was teething with rage at the harsh treatment of the Goddess Asura and he was not thinking too hard either.

All of a sudden Old Man Xuantian snapped his fingers as he said coldly, “Brother Dingzhong, you don’t mind leaving them to me?”

Yun Dingzhong lifted the curve of his mouth with a cold smile, “Of course not.”

Old Man Xuantian pointed his wrinkled finger at the Goddess Asura before saying to Yi Ping, “How about this. If you can defeat me then I will let you this lass away. But if you can’t defeat me then you will pass the ownership of your divine sword to me? Naturally, you are allowed to use your divine sword against my bare hands. Is it a fair deal?”

The Goddess Isa immediately said, “Yi Ping, don’t fall into his trick and accept the duel. You can’t possibly solo him. You have to remember that he is a Heavenly King and he is not someone that we can solo on our own!”

Yi Ping was perplexed. It was because if he could win him then naturally he would be able to take the Goddess Asura away. But if he lost then he would only need to surrender his divine sword to him? Was it some kind of a trick?

Therefore he began to smile bitterly. After he had been through so many wily ruses, he had certainly grown wiser now. That was his cumulated experience!

The Goddess Asura could not help but feel captivated by Yi Ping’s

heroic aura. Seeing the expressions that were on the Goddess Isa, she knew that she was trying to hint Yi Ping to flee as fast as possible but was unable to sound him out directly so as not to lose the psychology edge.

But it would be a different matter if she was the one that sounded him out.

Therefore she said piteously with fluffy red eyes as she stared blankly at the ground, "Hero, you can go now. This has nothing to do with you in the first place. This is my fate."

Yi Ping looked at this stunning beauty who did not lose her bearings even under this dire circumstance. His righteous fire was aroused and he thought, "If I leave her with these wicked men then I am a beast myself. What good will it for me even if I survive to reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary?"

He hummed coldly as he unsheathed the reverberating Celestial Alice from his scabbard, "Even if I surrender my divine sword to you, there is no promise that you won't kill me. If I don't promise you anything then my divine sword will never be truly yours. You really think that I will fall for this mean trick?"

There were a gleam in the eyes of Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian as they eyed Yi Ping's divine sword as they thought silently, "This divine sword is really something wondrous!"

Old Man Xuantian frowned lightly after his ruse had been seen through so he quickly tried another one as he coveted Yi Ping's divine sword very much, "You can assure that I will surely spare your life. I can promise you an oath."

Yi Ping replied coldly, "There are fates that are worse than death!"

Old Man Xuantian was startled as he thought, "How is it that this Yi Ping can seemingly read my mind?"

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess Asura were both startled at how quick witted Yi Ping was as they stole a glance quietly at him...

The truth was that Yi Ping had three excellent mentors in the Heavenly



Tempstress Lie Qing, Xiao Youxue and Dugu Yunzi who instructed him carefully on the many nefarious methods of the treacherous martial fraternity.

Lie Qing had said to him, “You really think I will be so wise all the time? Let me tell you, I have my own share of misery failures and betrayals! But all these experiences add to a cumulated experience that will make you wiser and stronger.”

Youxue had also said to him, “Sly upon sly. You have to be trained to be even craftier than your opponents and visualize that you are them.”

Yunzi had also said to him, “Now you are more righteous than most so that is why you may not want to think about it. You have to remove your mental block first. In fact, being able to restraint yourself will make you even stronger and it helps you to fortitude your mind.”

Lie Qing smiled alluringly to him, “So now if you are now faced with this situation of being threatened by your opponent, what will you do? Will you play by his rules or your rules? That is the most important thing.”

Yi Ping said coldly to Old Man Xuantian as he stepped protectively in front of the Goddess Asura, “Or are you a coward that dare not fight with me one to one?”

Old Man Xuantian was immediately aroused with rage as he shouted thunderously, “You are courting for your own doom!”

When he was enraged, he had used exercised his vital energies as he lifted his explosive palms at Yi Ping!

The Goddess Isa turned ashen as she gasped panicky, “Yi Ping, watch out! This is his Dark Primordial Martial Force!”

Yi Ping had immediately swung the Celestial Alice, executing the Ultrapowerful Force forward via his sword while sweeping the Goddess Asura off the ground as he carried her on his left shoulder!

The Goddess Asura gasped softly and she had a stunned look when Yi Ping had grabbed her on her waist!

Immediately she seemed to be intoxicated by his righteous aura and her whole body turned soft...

In a blink of an eye, Yi Ping and Old Man Xuantian had exchanged a dozen tremendous blows that rocked the vicinity even as they quickly disengaged at the same time!

As Yi Ping scurried backward, he quickly put the Goddess Asura into the embrace of the Goddess Isa as he said solemnly, "Isa, please help me to take care of her for the time being."

The Goddess Asura looked at Yi Ping enticing as she muttered softly, "Be careful..."

He quickly readied a defensive stance as he eyed Old Man Xuantian!

Old Man Xuantian was dumbfounded even though he was not serious yet; he had only use 30% of his martial power and none of his epitome techniques. It was because in that blink of an eye, Yi Ping had actually escaped unscathed while he had carried the Goddess Asura away right before his very eyes!

The other two immortal practitioners who were watching by the side were equally dumbfounded as did Yun Dingzhong who seemed to have aroused from his boredom!

Yi Ping on the other hand had already readied the Forward Heavens Stance and he was inhaling lightly; he had used 70% of his martial power and had already exerted himself even though their exchanges were brief.

He was a little startled at Old Man Xuantian's martial prowess.

He did not know that even the powerful Goddess Asura could only manage only thirty blows against him.

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, "I didn't know that the Immortal Realm has an immortal of your caliber. I can't sense your Heaven Eyes Positioning. So you are on the Greater Cosmos Positioning as us now?"

Yi Ping replied coldly, "I have to tell you two things first. Firstly, I am not an immortal. I am only a celestial practitioner who aspires to be an

immortal practitioner. Secondly, my Heaven Eyes is the Seventh Cosmos Positioning which is higher than yours. That is why you are unable to sense mine.”

Old Man Xuantian was immediately enraged and his eyes had turned murderous, “Rubbish! I need to tell you three things too. Firstly, no one has ever reached the Seventh Cosmos Positioning before. It is a mystical level that is only heard of but unattainable. Secondly, you are obviously an immortal or else you won’t be able to reach even the Lesser Cosmos Positioning. Thirdly, anyone that plays a fool of me will certainly die in the most horribly manner!”

Yun Dingzhong laughed coldly as he continued to squat on the huge rock, “It seems that Brother Xuantian is now in a bad mood. This Yi Ping is in bad luck today!”

The Goddess Asura turned her extremely pale face around to stare coldly at Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong as she smiled weakly, “It seems that our two Heavenly Kings aren’t as well informed. The Seventh Cosmos Positioning isn’t entirely unattainable. I am not sure for this hero here but I do know that my matriarch mistress the Goddess Celestial Alice has already attained the Seventh Cosmos Positioning. It seems that our two Heavenly Kings are still struck at the Greater Cosmos Positioning. How unfortunate!”

The Goddess Isa added with a nod, “That is right. I know for sure!”

Immediately the faces of the two Heavenly Kings were flinching lightly!

The Goddess Asura and the Goddess Isa were secretly trying to unsettle the two Heavenly Kings to give Yi Ping as much edge as possible!

It seemed that Old Man Xuantian suddenly had a gloomy look as heavy malevolent air enveloped the vicinity!

But at the same time Yun Dingzhong had a glow on his face as he suddenly broke into a cold laughter, “Good, good! Brother Xuantian, remember that Alice is mine. It is even better that she has managed to reach the Seventh Cosmos Positioning!”

The Goddess Asura and the Goddess Isa were secretly startled. They simply could not understand why Yun Dingzhong would be so happy?

But Yi Ping knew and he had suddenly turned ashen.

He blurted out in cold sweat as he stared at Yun Dingzhong, "You...are a Dark Immortal..."

Yun Dingzhong looked at him coldly as he helped him to finish by laughing maddening, "That is right. Alice's heart is mine to feast. After that, I will have attained the Seventh Cosmos Positioning and will no longer be bounded by the sacred laws of the Immortal Realm."

Yi Ping had suddenly gone extremely rigid and cold!

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Yi Ping said bitterly as he shuddered slightly, grasping his long sword even tighter as he stared at Yun Dingzhong. "I won't let you hurt Ziyan..."

Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were a little perplexed they thought, "Is he getting delirious? Who is Ziyan?"

Yi Ping adjusted his Forward Heaven Stance slightly as he mustered his martial power via the Martial Emperor Unifying Force instead of the Absolute Equilibrium Force as he stared coldly at Old Man Xuantian.

As Yi Ping mustered his martial power, there were shimmering tiny sparks that appeared briefly.

There was nothing awe inspiring about his martial force, lacking the impressive martial force of the Fiery Phoenix Shen Xingyue's Divine Rejuvenation Force and Lie Qing's Invincible Divine Force but it had the effect of causing Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong to shudder lightly!

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, "No wonder your martial power is so impressive. I see that you are a practitioner of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force. Just who are you to the Martial Emperor Heavenly King?"

Yun Dingzhong was smiling all of a sudden, "I wonder if the Martial Emperor Heavenly King is here in the Stellar Sanctuary?"

The Goddess Asura who was clinging onto the Goddess Isa, began to shiver uncontrollably as she murmured miserably and the poisonous anguish in her eyes were unmistakable. "He is...one of them..."

The Goddess Isa was about to say something to her when she was startled by the burning touch of the Goddess Asura!

The Goddess Asura had been using her internal strength to suppress the aphrodisiac effects of the pill that she was forced to consume earlier. But when she had heard that this Yi Ping was actually a disciple of the

Martial Emperor Heavenly King, she was so shocked that she had lost control of her internal strength and the effects of the aphrodisiac pill began to spread rapidly!

Of course Yi Ping did not know any Martial Emperor Heavenly King but he had guessed that it had to do with the newly Martial Emperor Unifying Force that he had acquired from the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem.

He began to smile bitterly because he obviously knew that the Martial Emperor Unifying Force that he had just mustered was only at the basic level and was crude. In fact Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess had progressed to a higher level than him and it was she who had instructed him on the Martial Emperor Unifying Force.

It seemed that Yun Dingzhong had thought of him as the disciple of this Martial Emperor Heavenly King?

If he could convince them that at least he was on the same side as them, would he be able to get out of this situation intact?

No wait, could it be a ruse by Yun Dingzhong?

It was because he had suddenly remembered that Ye Yin's divine sword was the Despairing Heavenly but was now revealed to be the Blessed Heaven. Since divine swords were rare and even rarer for darkswords, could it be that the Blessed Heaven was actually the divine sword of this Martial Emperor Heavenly King?

And how did the Blessed Heaven become a darksword? Could it be that this Martial Emperor Heavenly King had also become a dark immortal? For immortals of their caliber, it was impossible for them to lose their divine swords unless they were really dead. So maybe that was why the Blessed Heaven had also become a cursed darksword?

Yi Ping had no way to prove if his conclusions were correct. But learning from Lie Qing, Youxue and Yunzi had certainly taught him to be more wary of false information that was given to him by his foes.

Indeed if it was the old him, he would have already attacked them without much thought. But now, he had to consider things on a wider

picture. It was not important if he dies but it was very important if his love ones would suffer. Therefore he had to keep himself alive!

Therefore in that split second after Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong had thrown at him two quick questions, he showed no hesitation as he replied coldly. “Since you can already identify the Martial Emperor Unifying Force, surely you already know my relation to the Martial Emperor Heavenly King. But don’t you know that the Martial Emperor Heavenly King had already passed on a long time, so how is it possible for him to be in the Stellar Sanctuary?”

At this Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were suddenly speechless as they exchanged wary looks with each other. They did know that the Martial Emperor Heavenly King was no longer around and Yun Dingzhong who was the craftier of the two, was actually testing Yi Ping.

Yi Ping did not exactly claim to be the direct protégé of the Martial Emperor Heavenly King but had thrown them a question to be answered in their minds instead!

And judging from their hesitate exchanges with the Great Emptiness Translucence, Yi Ping could roughly guess that the Martial Emperor Heavenly King was indeed no longer around and they had already known about it.

Old Man Xuantian was soon smirking coldly and his eyes were murderous, “Fine! While it is good to meet an old acquaintance’s protégé but you have no respects for us. You have dared to snatch our prey from us and you must know that we are really offended by it. As the saying goes, he who has no respects for others gain no respects either!”

Yun Dingzhong was smiling gleefully as he added oil to the flames, “And he had killed your protégé Chu Mingfan and has stolen the Green Dragon Sacred Sword too!”

Yi Ping sighed softly in his heart. While he did well in the first round of the battle of the wits but as soon as he was being accused of killing Chu Mingfan, he had decided to take the rap for Ziyan.

So he answered coldly, “So what?”

This time Old Man Xuantian was truly mad as he replied coldly, “Then I will surely tear you to pieces...”

The Goddess Isa knew that Old Man Xuantian would surely attacked Yi Ping at the end of his speech so she panicky interrupted, “My two heavenly kings, do you know that if you kill Yi Ping, you will be in dire situation?”

Old Man Xuantian immediately eyed her as he laughed coldly, “If you are thinking of pulling a fast one with me and taking me for an old fool then you are making a big mistake. You have better think of how you are going to please me in a while time.”

The Goddess Isa smiled coldly as she flashed her phoenix eyes at Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong, “You have better believed it or else the Jade Emperor won’t be too pleased when he has learnt that the two of you will actually be covetous after his prized sword. Let me tell you honestly. This Yi Ping is actually the son-in-law of the Jade Emperor. So are you afraid now?”

In her haste to save Yi Ping, she made up a quick story. She was a terrible liar and was not good in making up a story. So it was not a surprise that the story that she had made up was unexpectedly close to the truth!

The Goddess Asura shuddered at the mention of the Jade Emperor as she gasped at the same time, “You...are actually...one of them...let...go of me now!”

Yun Dingzhong began to furrow his white brows while Old Man Xuantian gave a loud martial shout as he jumped upon Yi Ping, “Rubbish!”

Yi Ping was not slow to react either. He had also gave a great shout as he augmented his martial power with the Asper Divinity as three rings of outburst exploded around him!

He had slashed forward with the Divine Horizon Swordplay!

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly as he raised his hands forward as



the ground below exploded into martial shockwave by his Dark Primordial Martial Force!

Yi Ping was not startled that Old Man Xuantian had dispelled his sword attacks with his forceful palms so he quickly changed his sword stance to the Perfect Swordplay as he split the Celestial Alice into two!

In that instant the number of attacks that Yi Ping had executed in a blink of an eye had quadrupled, startling Old Man Xuantian who gasped. “Your one sword is actually two swords!”

The Goddess Asura and Yun Dingzhong were also gasping with astonishment at this intricate change of the Celestial Alice!

Just as Yi Ping thought he may be able to defeat Old Man Xuantian with his Perfect Swordplay, Old Man Xuantian had retaliated with six shadowy imprints of his hands for each of his usual hand stance!

The Goddess Isa gasped panicky, “Yi Ping, watch out! This is his Dark Phenomenal Hands!”

No matter how swift Yi Ping had been with his swordplay, there were no way he could be swifter than the hand stances of this Old Man Xuantian and it seemed to him that he was like fighting against twelve hands at the same time!

Therefore for every six strokes that Yi Ping had exchanged with Old Man Xuantian, he was struck with a thunderous impact!

When eighteen strokes had passed in a blink of an eye, Old Man Xuantian had already struck Yi Ping thrice with a thunderous impact each time that caused Yi Ping to cough out a bout of blood!

This time Old Man Xuantian was genuinely surprised that Yi Ping would still be standing and had continued to attack relentless against him!

It was because when he had used the Dark Phenomenal Hands, his Dark Primordial Martial Force would also be at its peak of power!

Moreover he had never seen this type of ambidextrous swordplay before

that could attack and guard at the same time which caused him to be even more confounded!

By the time Yi Ping had executed his thirty-sixth strokes, he had been struck six times!

Yi Ping was smiling bitterly to himself as he had broken in cold sweat because the attacks of Old Man Xuantian was leaving him no room to display the Asper Continuum or mustered his other epitome techniques. Moreover after being struck fatally six times, his movements and attacking speed had also slowed down!

Everyone could only see a whirling of shadows between these two combatants as swirling shadows of swords and palms were seen flashing in all directions with their martial shockwaves, shaking the ground below them as the fierce impact of their exchanges took place!

The Goddess Asura seemed to sober up as she watched the fight intently as she gasped in her heart, "This Yi Ping, he can actually exchange more than thirty strokes with Old Man Xuantian. How is it possible? And he could take a blow, no several blows from Old Man Xuantian without backing off and still remain standing..."

All of a sudden she became fearful for this Yi Ping and secretly hoped that he could win...

The Goddess Isa was also watching the duel intently and she was crying inside her now. It was because she blamed herself for enraging Old Man Xuantian and caused him to be serious...

Old Man Xuantian was not having an easy time either. It was because it was an exhausting effort to maintain his Dark Primordial Martial Force and his Dark Phenomenal Hands at the same time. He had never encountered a foe that was like Yi Ping before!

Yun Dingzhong was also perplexed. It was because he was squatting on the rock above the two fighters. In most cases, his presence would definitely serve as huge psychology barrier to Yi Ping for two reasons. Firstly for his looming presence that would strike Yi Ping at any time. Secondly, Yi Ping would have to divert some of his focus to guard against

him. Either way, even if another Heavenly King was to be presented, it was nearly impossible not to be distracted!

But this Yi Ping did not seem to be bothered nor did he make any effort to move away from his looming presence.

He thought gloomily, "Don't tell me he had reached the divine state of where there are no others, including his own self?"

He had almost readied his Divine Shattering Impact finger stance to try this Yi Ping but he had hesitated. Firstly, he would not be giving Old Man Xuantian any face saving measures if he were to intervene. Secondly, pride and honor restrained him from backstabbing a junior no matter how despicable and deplorable he was. Thirdly, he was curious to see the martial origins of this Yi Ping and how this fight would turn out to be.

Therefore he continued to watch this duel intently!

In another six blinks of an eye, a weary Yi Ping had displayed seventy-two strokes without even getting close to hurting Old Man Xuantian and at the same time he had already taken twelve tremendous impacts that caused his movements to be wobbly!

But at the same time Yi Ping could sense that Old Man Xuantian was also weakening and slowing down. He quickly raised the lighter Celestial Alice as he seized the opportunity to swipe Old Man Xuantian with the Fatal Masterstroke, which was the first technique of the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques!

Old Man Xuantian was startled when Yi Ping's divine sword was suddenly enveloped by a beam of powerful sword energies shockwaves. It was because even for him, he dared not to take this powerful sword energy technique headlong!

Therefore he quickly took a step back as he avoided this sword technique completely and there was a cringing expression on his face!

This gave Yi Ping the breathing space that he had wanted as he scurried backward with a defensive sword stance as he began to tremble nonstop!

The Goddess Isa was beside Yi Ping in an instant as she positioned her

divine sword protectively over him, “Yi Ping, let me take over from you!”

The Goddess Asura who was being held by the Goddess Isa soon found herself next to the trembling Yi Ping and she was looking at him in awe as she thought weakly, “He is really at the Seventh Cosmos Positioning? Or else he won’t be able to survive after so many hits. If they knew that he has reached the Seventh Cosmos Positioning then they will surely eat his heart...”

Her thoughts were interrupted by Old Man Xuantian who was roaring at Yi Ping, “You! You actually know the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques as well! Don’t tell me you are also the protégé of that old freak...”

Yun Dingzhong was growling, “He actually knows the sword energy technique of the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King. What a surprise. What a surprise!”

The Goddess Asura lowered her gaze as she was not willing to look at Yi Ping anymore. It was because she too, had recognized the sword skills of the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King, who was one of the two most powerful Dark Immortals ever. The other one was the Martial Emperor Heavenly King!

This Yi Ping was obvious the same as them and was a dark practitioner. She had no wish to be associated with this Dark Lord Yi Ping. She had really underestimated him and thought that he was just being heroic as he intervened to save her. Now she truly understood that he too had an ulterior motive!

And she began to shiver at that thought!

Yun Dingzhong said to Old Man Xuantian, “No wonder he does not fear us and even dare to challenge us. Brother Xuantian, you have almost been fooled by him. He has feigned weakness as to lure you to drop your guard. If you have been less wary, you would have been killed instantly or received a grievous injury by the Fatal Masterstroke!”

Yi Ping said weakly, “I am not...”

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, "Indeed! And he has not even displayed the Slashing Crucifixion and the Exalting Obliteration yet."

Yun Dingzhong nodded as he analyzed, "In case that we will suspect his martial level, he has actually displays the Martial Emperor Martial Force first as he slowly builds up a false pretense to lure us into his bait."

Old Man Xuantian laughed aloud as he pointed at Yi Ping, "You really think I cannot sense the imbued power of the Sanctorum Relic in your divine sword? So unless you actually display your true strength, I will always be wary. Hehe!"

Yi Ping had wanted to protest immediately that he was not feigning but these two old men kept talking nonstop and giving him no chance to explain himself!

Yun Dingzhong continued, "Earlier I have been thinking. He dares to admit to killing your protégé and taking your Green Dragon Sacred Sword. If he is alone, surely he is not that bold. Therefore he must have the support of powerful backers or else he won't acts so disdain in our presence."

Old Man Xuantian nodded, "So you think that two old freaks are still around after all?"

Yun Dingzhong smiled coldly as he stole a glance at his surroundings, "It seems that it may be true after all but one thing for sure, he is not alone or else he won't dare to challenge us."

All of a sudden he leapt down from the towering rock as he stared coldly at Yi Ping, "Surely you have heard of the Unification Plan? Are you with us or not?"

Yi Ping was perplexed as he murmured, "The Unification Plan?"

Old Man Xuantian laughed, "Stop feigning innocent anymore. Listen, our true goal is the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary. And I am sure that is your true goal too. You have better wise up and not interfere with us anymore. I can be generous this time and even give you the Green Dragon Sacred Sword. As for Chu Mingfan, I can also totally forget about that

incident too.”

Yun Dingzhong smirked coldly, “Brother Xuantian is indeed generous and takes account of the bigger picture. What is the point of expending our precious martial strength from infighting? All the dark practitioners should be united under the same heaven. Aren’t we all here to be the Great God and take our revenge on the Immortal Realm?”

Yi Ping immediately said, “This is not my intention...”

Old Man Xuantian took a look at the Goddess Asura, “You greedy bastard. After all the efforts that we have expended....never mind, you can have her too. Will it do for you?”

The heart of the Goddess Asura grew cold. They were treating her as a commodity to be traded...

Yi Ping immediately said, “Of course. That is my intention in the first place...”

“Good!” Old Man Xuantian said and he had suddenly taken flight with Yun Dingzhong as they snatched the two immortal practitioners along with them!

In a blink of an eye, they had vanished into the woods!

As they disappeared, Yun Dingzhong’s voice could be heard reverberating via the Thousand Miles Resonate Skill, “We have a need for the hearts of these two immortals to nourish us and we are taking them away...”

Yi Ping and the Goddess Isa broke out in cold sweat when Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were gone.

Yi Ping muttered, “I don’t know what is exactly happening...”

The Goddess Isa was looking at Yi Ping in disbelief. Earlier they had engaged in a battle of wits to force their opponents into retreating but had failed miserably. But now without resorting to anything, their opponents had actually retreated on their own!

She sighed softly as she muttered, “Three idiots.”

Yi Ping knew that she had included him as one of the idiots but he said nothing. Instead he sighed softly, "I think that they are too cunning and too smart for their own good."

The Goddess Asura was trembling; she said hatefully even as her face had turned peach red, "You must thinking that only you are the only smart one. If only Alice is here to witness your despicable self! Or should I address you as the Dark Lord Yi Ping!"

She turned slightly to face the Goddess Isa as she said weakly, "Isa, I am really disappointed in you. Never have I thought that you will stoop so low as to join the dark side."

Her voice was actually too soft and incoherent for Isa and Yi Ping to hear...

The Goddess Isa gasped aloud, "Yi Ping, we have forgotten that despicable Yun Dingzhong has given her some kind of a drug. She is now in a state of delirium now. We got to help her!"

Yi Ping sighed softly, "Let me carry her. Maybe Aiel can do something about it."

As Yi Ping piggybacked the Goddess Asura, she was protesting weakly. "Don't...touch me...let go...of me..."

Yi Ping suddenly said to Isa, "Isa, she is burning hot. What do we do now?"

The Goddess Isa turned to look at him and she was flushing with embarrassment, "What do you think and propose then?"

Yi Ping was startled by her question as he tried to think of a reply, "I..."

All of a sudden he said to her again, "Isa, I don't know the way back. Do you know the way back?"

The Goddess Isa looked at him shockingly, "I have thought that you know..."

All of a sudden she called out, "Watch out!"

Before she knew what was happening, Yi Ping had lost his footing and

had fallen down into the steep river gorge below!



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While Yi Ping was swept away by the torrential waters, he continued to maintain a firm grip on the Goddess Asura's bottom as he was afraid of her safety.

It seemed like an eternity of struggling with the torrential waters before they were swept to the side of the river bank.

Yi Ping stood up unsteadily as he inhaled deeply with baffled expressions!

The Goddess Asura was murmuring weakly as she displayed the Thousand Weight Fall again with her internal strength, "Let go...of your dirty hands...from me!"

This time Yi Ping was too exhausted to put up a fight against her as he dropped her to the ground as he collapsed on the rocky bank!

He was perplexed as he murmured weakly, "Why did you suddenly exert your internal strength when we are at the top? You would have got us killed!"

It was because while Yi Ping was talking with the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura had suddenly displayed the Thousand Weight Fall with her subtle internal strength and this had caused her weight to increase tens of manifolds!

The sudden increase of her weight coupled with his inattention caused him to lose his footings along the narrow mountainous pathway and that was what had caused him to plunge to the treacherous gorge below!

It was a lucky thing that they had landed in the waters and that Yi Ping still had the strength to cushion their fall with his martial force or else it would be disastrous!

He had never thought that he would survive almost unscathed with the two Heavenly Kings only to almost lose his life to the person that he had just helped!

What was worst was that he had no idea where they were now. It took

him much difficulty to get to the fortieth level of the Stellar Sanctuary and what if he was now swept to the lower levels?

He was really upset with her till he had caught sight of her piteous look and his heart began to soften again.

He could only sigh bitterly as he looked at her speechlessly for an explanation!

If he had not looked then it would be better. It was because he had noticed that she was thoroughly soaked and her figure was extremely revealing so much that his face had completely turned red!

The peach red Asura stared at him hatefully even as she inhaled weakly, "So you are finally showing your true colors now. Yes! I am trying to get you killed. Do you really think that I will let you possess my body without a fight?"

Yi Ping was stunned, "You have completely misunderstood. I am here to help you. Come with me and we will look for Aiel. She will be able to help us..."

Asura lifted her enticing eyes to stare at him as she said coldly, "I don't believe you. You are but one of them."

Yi Ping protested immediately, "I am not one of them for sure. Surely you can't believe them..."

Asura inhaled with much difficulty before she hummed aloud, "Seeing is believing! If you are not one of them, will they spare you? What about the martial skills of the Martial Emperor Heavenly King and the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King? You can't explain it...am I right?"

Yi Ping knew that he could not explain it in short notice so he tried to distract her, "Alice is looking for you. She is with me now. Come with me..."

Asura smiled weakly as she looked away, "If only the Goddess Celestial Alice knows your true character at this very moment. I really pity her. To think that the person that she has been pinning for is actually so despicable and deplorable! If you are with the Goddess Celestial Alice,

why is that I don't see her with you and only Isa?"

Yi Ping stammered, "I am despicable and deplorable? Alice is really with our group. Isa and I heard your screams so we rush to check the vicinity first..."

Asura hummed coldly, "To think that I was almost fooled by your deception. Until now, you are still trying to deceive me? Don't you know that the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa have a deep grudge against each other and will never travel together? You don't even know how to lie..."

Yi Ping was dumbfounded by her repetitious reprimands. He reacted angrily, "Yes, I don't know how to lie. I am poor in lying. Are you happy now?"

Just as Asura was about to cast him another cold glance, she was startled that he had suddenly stormed towards her. "What are you doing?!"

Yi Ping had lifted her and had carried her on his shoulder as he answered weakly, "It is not safe here. We must find a shelter and warm ourselves first. Then we will think of a plan to rejoin the main group. We will find Alice and she will explain things to you."

Asura was startled that she was so quickly seized that she muttered with great disdain, "You despicable beast. Let go of me at once. If I can still exercise my martial strength, I will surely kill you..."

She tried to exercise what little of her internal strength to display the Thousand Weight Fall but could not maintain her internal strength flow as she coughed weakly, disrupting her concentration.

Yi Ping sighed softly at her cold demeanor and was at a loss, "Fine then. I will wait for you to regain your martial strength!"

She was startled as she murmured weakly, "You will surely regret it!"

Yi Ping paused suddenly!

She hummed coldly, "So you are upset now, am I right?"

Yi Ping suddenly said, "I think I see a cave over there and it seems to be quite well hidden. It will be a good place for us to take a shelter and to start a small fire without being spotted by our enemies."

She was momentarily startled that he was not even paying any attention to her...

But she soon had a frightening thought that this Yi Ping was bringing her to the cave to violate her. Immediately she began to shiver in cold sweat!

Yi Ping was afraid that she had caught a cold from the icy waters so he quickly prepared a fire once they were in the cave as he thought, "I am protected by my internal strength so I am not afraid of the cold but she is different. Her injuries must not be light. If only Lingfeng or Xingyue is here, their Divine Invigorating Force and Divine Rejuvenate Force may be able to help her."

Yi Ping had put her in a cozy corner of the cave where she could receive the warmth of the fire without the need to remove her clothing.

He was actually thinking without looking at her, "Her silken robe is so thin and it will probably dry very soon..."

Asura was a little surprised that he did not try to take advantage of her yet. By now, she was already afflicted by a burning deviation heat that compelled her to seek company.

But she continued to exercise her powerful will to resist this burning deviation heat as she trembled uncontrollably from both external cold and internal fire...

Yi Ping asked her softly, "Your legs, is it painful. Do you need me to take a look?"

She shot him a look of disgust as she inhaled weakly, "No need to bother you. It will recover soon enough."

Yi Ping nodded quietly but all of a sudden he got up and went out for a while.

When he had returned, he had returned with a full waterskin as he said hesitating to her. “Lady, your cheeks are burning hot. Here is some icy water. Alas, we can only delay the inevitable. I know for sure how potent this type of wicked pill is...”

Asura flashed him a dangerous look that sent a shiver down his spine before she said coldly to him, “Naturally you will know how potent this pill is, because you are already an expert in it. I can tell from the maidens in your group that you have tricked.”

Yi Ping was sighing softly, not knowing how he was going to convince her that he had only good intentions toward her.

He said miserably, “Take this waterskin. If it is not enough, let me know then I will go out to replenish it.”

Asura smiled bitterly as she continued to tremble, “Until now, you are still trying to humiliate me? You know that the potency of the pill isn’t strong enough to overwhelm me so you are actually thinking of increasing the dosages? Let me tell you, I won’t be fooled by your kind appearance!”

Yi Ping said anxiously as his expressions turned bitter when he had thought of Yang Min who had been afflicted by the Peacock Heresy, “This potent drug isn’t what you think and isn’t something that you can resist through your will alone. Unless you...”

He could not say it loud for he had turned flustered!

Asura was full of disdain for him but when she saw the bitter expressions in his eyes, her heart began to soften for no reason at all and she found herself saying weakly, “You want to say if I did not copulate with a man, I will surely die?”

Yi Ping looked away as he said firmly, “That is not my intention. If I can get you to Aiel and Alice, they may have a way. You are an immortal so this type of potent drug may be less effective to you...”

Asura smiled weakly, “How do you know? What if this is a potent drug that is from the Immortal Realm and is ten times more potent than the

most powerful aphrodisiac drug in the Celestial Realm?”

Yi Ping was stupefied by her question as his body limped coldly and he stared blankly for a while. Indeed, he had never thought of that before. He cursed himself for forgetting that the two Heavenly Kings were from the Immortal Realm...

Asura was perplexed because this Yi Ping did not look like he was putting on an act. While she was constantly on her guard against him and was constantly provoking him, there was really no reason for him to put on an act. The truth was that even if he were to force himself on her, there was nothing she could do to him. She was already cornered and in his hands...

She stole a glance at him as she sighed softly; affections and hatreds seemed to be whirling at the same time in her heart and she was momentarily confused.

Finally she asked weakly, “Tell me frankly, are you being honest with me?”

Yi Ping replied solemnly, “I swear to the Heavens that I am telling you the truth!”

She smiled bitterly as she inhaled uneasy, “If you are a dark practitioner, then your oaths may well be false. I really don’t know. But...”

All of a sudden she flashed him a cold piercing look, “But if you think that I will be overwhelmed by the aphrodisiac drug and will lose my restraint then you will surely be disappointed!”

Yi Ping asked curiously and the bitter look earlier was replaced by a hopeful look, “How is it so?”

She turned slightly away as she trembled uncontrollably, “I have often experimented with these type of drugs and naturally have already developed some resistances to it. Golden body or not, the hangover effects of this drug will quickly pass. Now that you know, are you disappointed?”

Yi Ping murmured with a delighted relief, “Good, good!”

Asura looked at him curiously and could not find a single falsehood in his expressions.

She inhaled weakly, “Am I so wrenched and ugly now that you dare not look at me now?”

Yi Ping was startled by her question.

Even though the Goddess Asura was looking deliriously and her usual porcelain white countenance were colored with red blushes but it had actually added to her enticing beauty. Even when she was weary and was not in the best of condition, it did not affect her mesmerizing overbearing and nor her regal elegance!

Yi Ping could not help but admired her for her fierce demeanor in protecting her honor.

At this moment the Goddess Asura was also looking at him as she recalled his heroics earlier...

But eventually she was the first to pull away from him. It was because her heart was trembling fast and she could feel the burning deviation heat that was starting to overwhelm her.

She gasped silently as her cheeks burned with the secret acceptance, “I am losing myself. Even if he is not a bad person as he has claimed but he is the one that Alice has been pinning for.”

Yi Ping asked panicky when he saw her dazzled look, “Lady Asura, are you alright?”

Asura was suddenly looking at him with an indiscernible fire as her delicate body trembled, “Lady Asura?”

She secretly smiled at the address but said, “Goddess Asura. That is my immortal title. You do well to remember this. You lowly...”

She wanted to call him a lowly celestial practitioner but all of a sudden she had remembered that his martial prowess was actually above her and maybe even his state of divinity...

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “Goddess Asura, are you alright?”

She closed her lids weakly as she asked, "You say that the Goddess Celestial Alice is with you?"

Yi Ping immediately lit up at the mention of Ziyan, "Yes! Not only Alice but Isa, Xiang and Aiel also!"

She said quietly, "Um, you shouldn't call the Great Goddess by her name you know. And also the other immortals. It is considered rude and disrespectful. Who is Xiang?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Xiang is the maiden name of the Goddess of Mercy."

She was slightly startled, "You even know her maiden name?"

Yi Ping nodded lightly.

She was soon whispering, "Do you know that the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess of Mercy had a deep running rivalry with each other and that they will never co-exist with each other? The sectarian divide between the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners run deep. As for the Goddess Isa, she resents the Goddess Celestial Alice too..."

Yi Ping said gently to her, "The Goddess Asura does not need to worry unduly. They are fine now and have settled their differences. If you don't believe me, I can take you to them."

Asura inhaled weakly as she shook her head lightly with disbelief, "Is that so..."

She lacked the will to argue with him and let it passed instead.

Another question crossed his mind and that prompted him to ask, "Since you are fine, I am really relieved. I have thought that we will never be able to find you..."

Asura lifted her eyes to look at him and she was immediately flustered, "Find me? Why are you...you looking for me? Have you forgotten that our first meet didn't actually end up too amicable?"

Yi Ping immediately bowed with his hands as he muttered a soft sign,



“Please forgive Lele that day. I know that you didn’t mean us any harm...”

Asura muttered weakly, “Hmph, humph! That is where you are wrong. I...really want to kill her for draining my internal strength.”

Yi Ping said solemnly, “Thank you for being frank with me. Let me make amends to you instead but spare Lele out of this.”

Asura hummed coldly, “Can you made amends for the internal strength that I have painfully cumulated for thousands of years? And how are you going to make amends to it?”

Yi Ping was startled as he began to stammer, “I...”

Indeed he had not thought of that yet!

A flustering Asura interrupted melancholy, “But on account that you have just saved me from a humiliating end, I will let it go. Isn’t it strange? I haven’t tried to look for you yet but you are already trying to look for me. So Isa and you are spoiling for a fight with me to take advantage of my weaken state and to end my existence first?”

Yi Ping immediately said loudly, “Not at all. We really need your help to give us a fighting chance against the Heavenly Kings.”

Asura smiled weakly, “How do you know that I will surely join your group?”

Yi Ping hesitated for a while before he said firmly, “That is because you are on the side of Alice. If you are on the side of Alice then you will surely be on our side. That is why we want to look for you to add strength to our group but we have really no idea where to look for you. And because we are fearful of being caught up by Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian, we found ourselves having no other choice but to advance as fast as possible in the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Asura kept quiet as she was still reserving her judgement.

All of a sudden Yi Ping began to smile weakly, “The last time that we have met is on the eleventh level. Since then we have quickly moved up the Stellar Sanctuary and this is already the fortieth level. How is it

possible for you and the two Heavenly Kings to be ahead of us?"

Asura gave him a puzzled look, "I don't know how quickly is your quickly. But one thing for sure, there are other groups that have already advanced to the higher levels and my progression is already quite slow."

It was because she was hunting and following the other immortals at the same time!

Yi Ping was taken aback as he smiled bitterly, "I have thought that we are already far ahead of the others..."

Asura smiled weakly to him, "Your group is so big and not everyone is capable as the Goddess Isa. Naturally you won't be able to advance as fast as a smaller yet capable party. The Stellar Sanctuary is merciless to a large group. A big group will only increase the dangers and even the powerful won't be able to take it. Why do you think that the Goddess Celestial Alice and I are acting alone in the Stellar Sanctuary? And did you spend too much time on recuperating and resting?"

She inhaled weakly as she appeared to be amused by his question, "So isn't it all too obvious? Other than the four hours I have spent meditating each day, the rest of the time I am always on the move."

Yi Ping was stunned by her reply. It was because she had hit all the crux of his question!

They had indeed spent too much of their time on recuperation and because of the size of their group, they were constantly bogged down by difficult trials.

He began to smile weakly as he rubbed his nose to ponder. If they want to avoid the Heavenly Kings then they should slow down and not hasten their speed of ascend instead!

Asura lowered her glance, "Actually I should be the one that is asking you this. I can imagine it is not easy for your group to reach the fortieth level or impossible at all. I guess that quite a few in your group have already perished in the trials and that is why I can only see Isa with you. To be able to reach the fortieth level in such a short time, you must be

quite a formidable person...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping was trembling uncontrollably as he clasped tightly the hilt of the Celestial Alice, “No, you are wrong. I am not a formidable person. I wish I am though...”

Asura trembled lightly as she asked matter of fact, “So you desire power?”

Yi Ping shook his head, “No I don’t. I wish that I can be strong enough to protect all my love ones. I want to reach the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary and to obtain the true Immortal Practice for everyone. I want to protect my group all the way to the top!”

Asura said icily, “The immortal practice will be revealed to the enlightened without a need to go to the Stellar Sanctuary. The Dark Chaos Lord has figured out it. If there is a first, there will be a second, third and so forth!”

Yi Ping replied sadly as he thought of his protégé master the Universal Old Man and Lingfeng, “I have no time to wait anymore. By then, it will already be too late!”

Asura hummed coldly, “There are other things at the very top other than the immortal practice. Forget about reaching the very top if you really treasure your love ones. Even the Goddess Celestial Alice is not able to reach the top so what makes you think that you can? Some may say that the Dark Chaos Lord is the first to reach the top but is it the whole truth? Or is it just a beautiful myth?”

Yi Ping said with a quiet determination, “We have made it this far as a group without losing anyone and I intend to keep it like this all the way. There is no need for you to dissuade me. I know that you mean well. I only hope that you can join us as well.”

Asura was startled as she gasped silently, “Did he really accomplish that? Not losing anyone till now? Is it even possible?”

She began to smile bitterly to herself. It was because even if she was willing to join his group, it was too late to consider now. It was because

she was already using the last of her internal strength to suppress the wanton effect of the divine pill that she was forced to swallow.”

Yi Ping extended his hand to her and looked at her earnestly, “Come with us...”

Asura could suddenly feel his emanating heroic aura permeating through her and arousing her spirits, so much that the agonizing wanton urge that she was feeling began to fade temporary and her normal breathing was resumed, “Hmph, humph. I hope that truly comes from your heart.”

She lifted her fingers weakly to his hands as she looked at him with hesitant...

When Yi Ping touched her fingers, he was electrified and was startled at how fiery her fingers were. He panicky gasped, “Are you alright? Let me have a look at your pulses quickly!”

Yi Ping quickly took her pulse and he was perplexed. He had thought that the Goddess Asura had the drug under her control but after examining her erratic pulses, he knew immediately that this was not the case and her present condition was critical!

Asura knew that her lies had been uncovered. She scolded herself silently, “Why did you reach out for his hand for? Are you so easily touched that you can’t think rational now?”

She tried to pull away from Yi Ping but the grip on her right wrist was too firm and her passions were stirred from his touch...

Yi Ping sighed panicky, “Why did you lie. You are obviously not alright at all...”

Asura muttered melancholy as she began to tremble, “You must know that in the Ninth Heavens, I am also known as the Fair Virtuous Goddess. Honor meant everything to me...moreover...”

She began to smile dreamily to herself as she murmured shyly, “The Great Jade Emperor has once made a secret divination for me, telling me that I will be the consort to the future Great God...I only wish to preserve

my inviolable chastity only for his coming...but it seems...that day will no longer be fulfilled...”

She began to mutter incoherent, “...do you know that my sister and the Jade Emperor...is actually a pair of ill-fated lovers...”

But Yi Ping was not paying any attention to her as he panicky transferred his internal strength to her, “Asura, are you feeling much better now?”

Asura was doused by his internal strength and was startled that he was actually transferring his internal strength to her. She immediately looked at him with puffy red eyes as she said melancholy, “You are only needlessly expending your internal strength and prolonging my suffering. You don’t have to do so and should conserve your strength...”

All of a sudden she froze up as she gasped silently, “This soothing internal energy...why does it seem to resemble the Pangu Intricate Energy...”

She stared blankly at him...

Yi Ping said quietly, “Even if I have to expend all my internal strength, I have to get you to Alice and Aiel...”

All of a sudden a loud thunder could be heard and the cave was briefly lit up by the explosive lightning!

It was quickly followed by the sounds of torrential rains and several more brilliant thunderous lightning!

Yi Ping was not startled by the lightning but he had suddenly noticed that the rain waters were seeping rapidly into the cave!

He flashed to the entrance of the cave and was dismayed to see rising waters everywhere!

They had no way out now!

He panicky returned to the side of the Goddess Asura with a dismay look, “The cave outside is all flooded now. We have no way out now. I have never seen such a bad storm before.”

The Goddess Asura inhaled deeply as she said calmly, “This is the trial of water and lightning. This trial can come without any prior warnings. Woes to those that are caught in the open. This is part of the trials of this level. What luck, we are actually in a shelter.”

She paused briefly to point her fingers at the dark recess of this cave, “Look, this cave seems to have an extension. Maybe if we go deeper into the cave, we will be safe?”

Yi Ping was startled when he saw that this cave indeed had a passage in its interior. It was because he was too preoccupied to check the cave properly when he had first stepped foot into it to notice it.

But another problem was now plaguing his heart; all his companions were probably out in the open looking for him...

Asura in the meantime was muttering incoherent to herself, “Even if I have to expend all my internal strength, I have to get you to Alice and Aiel. Does he really mean it...”

She gritted her teeth and was trembling uncontrollably as though a passionate fire had lit within her, causing her to experience excruciating pain in her heart. She was really afraid now and even fearful of what would happen next. It was because she feared she would not be able to resist his heroic air anymore and succumbed to him!

# Chapter 173: The Sanctorum Manifesting of the Celestial Alice

Yi Ping piggybacked the Goddess Asura as they went deeper into the interior of the cave.

The interior of the cave was dry and not too warm or cold with all kinds of luminous crystals dotted along the passage. It was a beautiful sight no doubt but Yi Ping had no mood for it.

It was because he was on the lookout for any hidden dangers and on the other hand, he was also holding the pulses of the Goddess Asura, transferring his internal strength to her as soon as her pulses were spinning too erratic.

But these two things were not the most weighted matter in his mind!

It was because he could sniff the light mesmerizing fragrance of the Goddess Asura and could feel her delicate bosoms pressing upon him. Moreover as he piggybacks, he had suddenly noticed that both her pearly white thighs were uncovered and he had his hands on it...

He was flushing and his heart was throbbing nervously as he carried her. It was a lucky thing she was not able to see his face or else he would have to dig a hole and hide himself in it!

As for the Goddess Asura, she was exhaling deeply as she put on a resistance against the deviation fire. Her heart was pounding hard if not louder than Yi Ping. It was because she was clinging on his back and she could feel his firm build as she inhaled his intoxicating heroic aura...

Even though Yi Ping was already transferring his precious internal strength to help her to ward off the worst of her deviation fire but with him pressing against her, her resolute remained weak.

There were a few things that were blogging her mind that hindered her ability to focus her efforts on fighting the deviation fire. One was his soothing internal strength that felt weirdly like the Pangu Intricate Energy? She was familiar with the Stellar Sanctuary and could recognize

the Pangu Intricate Energy from the other variations of the Universal Force. Her first thoughts were naturally, impossible and I must have been mistaken...

The second thing was on her mind was actually very trivial but she could help asking weakly, "Those maidens that are with you, who are they? Don't tell me that they are not your sweethearts?"

Yi Ping shuddered lightly as he replied firmly, "You are indeed right. They are my sweethearts. That is why I mustn't let them come to harm."

When she had heard his reply, it was like a thunderbolt that had struck her heart. She began to tremble uncontrollably as she muttered woefully, "Oh really..."

She inhaled weakly before asking, "I have thought that you will try to deny it. Even the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Aiel? They have no eyes for anyone else. Are you actually imagining things? Or because you are too embarrassed to admit it is not?"

Once these words were out, she was startled that she would actually be trying to defend him!

Yi Ping stopped in his tracks all of a sudden!

She was secretly glad. Was it because she was right? Or because she had given him a reason to lie to her?

He said melancholy, "Isa and Aiel, alas! They are near perfect. I don't deserve them. I owe them too much. They have a special place in my heart..."

When she had heard him, it was like a huge boulder that had just dropped into the still water!

But she soon said coldly, "That may not be the case for them!"

Yi Ping was trembling uncontrollably and as he said hoarsely, "How I wish that is so!"

This time she was stunned by his reply that she could find no more words!



Just as Yi Ping took another step forward, she muttered icily. “You are nothing but a lecher. It is because only a lecher will think that everyone is his sweethearts.”

Yi Ping began to smile bitterly, “Indeed I am just a lecher!”

Asura was totally shocked by his reply that she held her hands even tighter around him as she muttered incoherently, “Hmph, are you?”

All of a sudden Yi Ping stopped in his tracks again as he unsheathed his sword, “Be careful. We have some company. I am afraid that we have just stepped into the the Iron Formation!”

Asura was startled, “How do you know?”

Yi Ping said quietly, “I have previously stepped into it and I can feel the tingling sensation of this formation. If we continue to move forward then we will surely encounter the Iron Golems.”

Asura was perplexed. It was because she was at the Greater Cosmos Positioning and her hyper sense in detecting hidden formations was naturally uncanny. But today he had actually warned her ahead of her...

Yi Ping said solemnly as he continued his forward march, “It is already too late to turn back now. Behind us is the rising water. Since we are only two, this Iron Formation may not be too difficult for me.”

As he continued the march forward, Asura realized that they were indeed entering the invisible barrier of the Iron Formation!

She was startled at his uncanny sense of detection. All of a sudden she recalled that the first time that they had met, he had actually detected her. She did not give it a second thought at that time...

She quickly called to him panicky, “No wait. I am an invalid now. It is impossible for you to storm the Iron Formation alone. Leave me here. The full effects of the Iron Formation may not have taken effect yet...”

But Yi Ping had already displayed his swiftness movement skill as he charged forward while saying calmly to her, “Don’t worry...”

Asura gripped his shoulder as she warned hastily, “Yi Ping, I plead with

you. You don't understand this formation..."

But Yi Ping appeared not to have heard her as he had already charged forward with daunting speed. He had only one hand as he needed the other hand to support the Goddess Asura and to protect her. He had remembered a fighting technique from the Goddess Isa when he had met her for the first time and saw how she had countered the formidable Eight Trigram Formless Formation...

All of a sudden there were ten Iron Golems in front of them; five each for Yi Ping and the Goddess Asura!

Asura muttered woefully as she stared blankly at the ten Iron Golems, "I...am sorry...because of me, you have to fight so many at once..."

So what was the fighting technique that Yi Ping had picked up from the Goddess Isa?

He began to muster his Martial Emperor Unifying Force as he charged headlong into the midst of the Iron Golems as he pierced through one with the Ultrapowerful Force as it exploded into smithereens pieces!

Immediately the rest of the Iron Golems began to raise their shields and short swords as they started to hack furiously at him!

But Yi Ping was even swifter. He had empowered the Celestial Alice by imbuing it with the Fatal Masterstroke, which was the first technique of the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques as he slashed a sword arc around him, instantly obliterating two other Iron Golems!

Yi Ping was startled at the power of the Fatal Masterstroke that seemingly cut through these two Iron Golems like tofu but it was also sapping his precious internal energies at an astonishing rate.

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he fought off the draining fatigue of the loss of his internal strength with the Divine Revelation, "Alas, I need to conserve my internal strength. Sword energies attacks aren't my real forte..."

So he quickly switched to his martial power to execute the Heavens Encompassing Strike as he slashed with a thunderous explosion across

two other Iron Golems, instantly knocking the two Iron Golems back and shattering it!

While the Heavens Encompassing Strike was not as clean cut as the Fatal Masterstroke, both techniques had the same effect of destroying the same number of Iron Golems given the same amount of time!

But because he had overextended himself, he was forced to take a few hurried steps to the back before he rushed forward again with a great martial shout, displaying the Asper Continuum as he raised hurried strokes as he ripped apart three Iron Golems!

The last two Iron Golems took Yi Ping a little longer as he finally obliterated them after a dozen powerful slashes!

Yi Ping began to inhale breathlessly as he stooped his back, stabbing his sword into the ground as a support!

Asura was stunned at his martial display and could not believe her eyes!

She was thoroughly overwhelmed by his heroic fight; she unconsciously tightened her hands around him as she inhaled weakly, "I can't believe it...you have actually defeated these Iron Golems? Surely your martial level is on par with the Thirty-Three Heavens now. What are you?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, not understanding her question. But after inhaling a few breaths, he said weakly, "Lucky! They are much more difficult to defeat than the last time that I have fought them."

Asura said quietly, "That is because of me..."

Yi Ping looked around the debris before he started to walk wobbly forward, "Let us be on our way now."

Asura rested her head next to his face as she muttered dreamily, "Yi Ping..."

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at her to ask, "Yes?"

But suddenly he had noticed that she had fallen asleep so he continued to march forward, not daring to disturb her rest.

It was not before long that Yi Ping had come to three branching

passages.

He was perplexed as he stared at the three passages for some time as he muttered, "Which one which I take?"

It was because he was worried that one of the passages may take him to the next level of the Stellar Sanctuary, leading him to be further and further away from his main group!

After some thought, he decided to take the passage furthest to his left as he prayed silently. "Let's hope that this passage will take us to an entrance outside rather than to another place in the Stellar Sanctuary."

This passage led Yi Ping to a wider cavern but it was also a treacherous one with small pathways. If he was careless, he would have fallen to the bottomless pit below.

He prayed as he treaded carefully, "Let hope that this is not a trial and there will be no sudden martial winds."

Luckily it passed without any trouble and he was soon in another passage with another two openings. Again he picked the left passageway.

This passage was also wide but it was cold.

The Goddess Asura began to shiver uncontrollably and she was aroused from her nap. She was startled that Yi Ping was again infusing his internal strength to her even though he was also shivering and his movements had also become wobbly!

Asura gasped weakly, "You should have left me alone. Life and death is predestined. If you continued to give me your internal strength, soon you have no more strength left and you will surely perish in the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary. Why are you behaving so foolishly?"

Yi Ping said wearily, "You are awake? Did I disturb you?"

Asura looked at him intently, not knowing what to say to him and was at a loss.

Yi Ping was startled that she had suddenly gone all quiet so he turned his head around to take a look but there was a knocking sound as he hit

her head by accidentally.

“Ouch!”

Yi Ping was startled as he said panicky, “Sorry. I am so sorry. I didn’t mean it...”

Asura smiled weakly at him, “That is alright. Why are you treating me so nice?”

Yi Ping said firmly, “You are Alice’s friend too so you are my friend...”

Asura smiled weakly as she held him even tighter, “We are friends? So I have a friend now?”

Yi Ping dared not look at her because he was too afraid that he would lose his own restraint. It was because he could feel her deviation fire and it was also beginning to affect him. Her wondrous scent, her touches and soft body were all too tempting for him...

All of a sudden the entire chamber began to crackle with soft glowing lights!

Both Yi Ping and Asura gasped panicky! It was because they had unwittingly entered a trapped cavern!

A shimmering black light now blocked the passage behind them.

At the same time, two pillars of blue light had materialized in front of them as two towering giants with deep crimson eyes began to step forth from it!

Immediately the entire air was filled with a terrifying penetrating malevolent!

Yi Ping gasped as he took a staggering step backward as he had recognized this monster as the boss monster that he had fought on the tenth level of the Stellar Sanctuary, “The Demon Bull King!”

Asura was also gasping as she broke into cold sweat, “It is the Demon Bull King and there are two of them!”

Yi Ping quickly put her down to sit on a rock, giving her his scabbard as

a support while saying bitterly. “I am so shameful of myself that I get you into this fix. It is all my fault that we are in this passage. Alas! Even if it meant sacrificing my life, I won’t allow them to hurt you...”

All of a sudden Asura grabbed his hands. She began to tremble as she said melancholy, “I don’t blame you at all. Why should I? You have already done more than enough for me. You must come back, promise me!”

Yi Ping was startled by her enticing expressions as he murmured, “I promise you...”

All of a sudden Asura lowered her head to say shyly, “If you live, I will give my heart to you.”

Yi Ping was startled and his heart began to pound like a hammer as he looked at this enticing heavenly beauty...

But he had quickly regained his composure, “I promise you I will surely come back!”

Then he turned around to face the two Demon Bull Kings as he split the Celestial Alice into two!

Asura lifted her eyes as she looked earnestly at his back, “Never before have I lost my bearings. You may think that I am saying that because I am under the fire deviation but I am not...”

All of a sudden she was startled because Yi Ping had suddenly been thrown off balance as the two Demon Bull Kings had charged at him at the same time!

Before Yi Ping could regain his balance, a gigantic double handed axe had materialized in the hands of the two Demon Bull King!

Before he knew what was happening; the Demon Bull King had hacked the axe next to him, instantly imploding the ground next to him in a thunderous explosion. This was followed by the other Demon Bull King!

Immediately the entire cavern was shaking tremendously as outburst of thick dust and flying debris began to balloon to all corners!

Asura gasped tearfully as she clenched her bosoms tightly!

A single Demon Bull King was already difficult to overcome. Moreover there were two of them. What was more; these two Demon Kings had even got a hidden weapon and an additional hidden special attack!

She could only see the two black towering figures of the two Demon Bull Kings as they moved to and fro in the thick dust debris, raising their long double axes menacing as thunderous explosion and impact could be heard all around!

She was freaking scared out of her wits for Yi Ping and was about to faint when golden lights began to burst out from within the cloud dusts!

It was Yi Ping as he raised all his entire martial power as he unleashed the Heavens Encompassing Strike one after another, unleashing six Heavens Encompassing Strikes continuously!

At the same time a thunderous powerful burst of martial outburst had totally dispersed all the dusts and debris around Yi Ping!

The two Celestial Alices were humming loudly and was being enveloped by a bright golden halo. Also Yi Ping's forehead was glowing with a wondrous golden light!

The two Demon Bull Kings seemed to have frozen in place!

Asura was in a daze as she gasped out, "Is it the sanctorum powers of his divine sword?"

She was suddenly perplexed, "If he can invoke the sanctorum powers of this divine sword, then it means that he is possibly already an immortal being now...that's impossible...and his forehead, is that really the Seventh Cosmos Positioning? No, I am sure it is! I have seen Alice displaying it too..."

Indeed it was!

The manifest powers of the Celestial Alice had two; the lighter Celestial Antonym Alice had the hidden divine power of increasing the attack speed of techniques while the heavier Celestial Synonym Alice had

the effect of enhancing the power of techniques.

But what were the manifest sanctorum powers of the two Celestial Alices?

The lighter Celestial Antonym Alice in addition to enhancing the speed of the offensive techniques could also cause a mirror image technique to splitter out!

The heavier Celestial Synonym Alice was now able to double the martial power of the offensive techniques rather than simply enhancing it. Double was an effective 100% increase, representing a tremendous leapt!

Yi Ping had executed the Heavens Encompassing Strike with both Celestial Alices as he bent the attacking and defense movements of the Perfect Swordplay, slashing ambidextrously at the two Demon Bull Kings at the same time!

This resulted in six brilliant burst of golden light even though Yi Ping had only executed only four counts of the Heavens Encompassing Strike!

It was because the lighter Celestial Antonym Alice was duplicating an additional count to the visible eyes!

Yi Ping himself was stunned at his powerful slashes even as the two Demon Bull Kings began to dematerialize slowly next to him!

His entire body was trembling. It was because he had expended all his martial strength in desperation. Because his opponents were too powerful, it had forced his innate defense to take over and he had successfully divine harmonized with the sanctorum ability of the Celestial Alice!

Just as Yi Ping was about to walk to the Goddess Asura, the two dematerializing Demon Bull Kings had suddenly burst into two brilliant light and in their place, two divine pills began to descend slowly from above!

Yi Ping gasped as he caught hold of the two divine pills. He had recognized it as the Negative Core Divine Pills even though it seemed



heavier than he had thought!

But he quickly cast this trivial thought away and he was suddenly overwhelmed with joyous exultations; it was because the Negative Core Divine Pill was a miracle pill that could even revive the most grievous of the wounded. That could only mean that he had found a solution to cure the Goddess Asura of her fire deviation!

At the same time the passage in front had also suddenly lit up, revealing a golden passage!

Yi Ping was stunned at the sight. What could possibly cause the passage in front to have such a brilliant golden glow?

But he had no time to think of the possible treasures or secrets in there as he stumbled wobbly to the Goddess Asura as he exclaimed excitedly, “Asura! Look what I have got! If I am not mistaken, these must be the Negative Core Divine Pills! I have found a cure for your ills! Aren’t you glad?”

Asura looked at him hatefully but her expressions were also woeful, “So what?”

Yi Ping was stunned at her reaction!

He had thought that she would be as delighted as him!

It was because at the moment he had defeated the two Demon Bull Kings, he had noticed she was smiling encouragingly to him. But when he had walked to her with the Negative Core Divine Pills, her reactions had changed all of a sudden!

He stammered as he gave her one of the Negative Core Divine Pills, “Asura, are you not happy? Is something wrong? Are you alright?”

Asura lowered her glance and said nothing.

Yi Ping began to panic as he hastily extended both Negative Core Divine Pills to her, “You can have it all. I don’t really want it.”

Asura hummed coldly, “If you give me all, how are you going to recover your martial strength? Who is going to protect me then?”

Yi Ping was truly stumped and he thought panicky, “Did I do anything wrongly? Did I say the wrong things?”

At this moment a wobbly Yi Ping was really too weary to think straight!

All of a sudden a thought jolted him as he hastily explained, “I really have no idea that I will be able to merge as one with the Celestial Alice or know the manifest effect of the Sanctorum Relic that I have found...I didn’t mean to cheat your feelings...I really have no confidence of overcoming these two monsters...”

Asura began to tremble as she looked woefully at him, “Not that and not these! Don’t you understand my heart?”

Yi Ping was stumped, “Your heart?”

Asura lowered her glance shyly as she said, “No doubt that this divine pill will be able to remove the ill-effects of my fire deviations, it is also capable of restoring my golden body. But do you know that if my golden body is restored then I won’t be able to give my heart to you?”

Yi Ping stammered nervously, “Give your heart to me? I am not a dark practitioner. I don’t want to eat your heart...”

Asura had a flustered look as she took the two Negative Divine Cores from him as she tossed it gently away, “You silly. I have already given my heart to you, whether you like it or not. Unless you are despising me...”

Yi Ping was startled when she had tossed the two Negative Divine Cores away, “No, I don’t despise you. I have only great admiration for you...”

All of a sudden he was stunned when the Goddess Asura began to slip off her black robe in front of him!

Yi Ping could feel his throat ran dry as he continued to watch her strip slowly...

Asura murmured shyly as she shuddered lightly, “From now on, I am no longer any Fair Virtuous Goddess. If you don’t despise me, what are you waiting for?”

This time even if Yi Ping was really very dense, he could not miss her

hidden meaning!

The Goddess Asura had many admirers and she knew her alluring charms. She knew that he would not be able to resist her allure if she tempted him. It was because her state of divinity was higher than him and could easily have overwhelmed him with her enticing allure especially at his present state.

Yi Ping had so many chances to take advantage of her but he had not and he was continuing trying his best to aid her. In her heart, she was already touched by his great gesture and knew that she had no way to repay him.

Yi Ping lowered his glance, "I am but a lecherous man. I won't be able to resist this temptation..."

Asura was already in his embrace, "You don't have to resist..."

Even before she had finished, Yi Ping was already fondling her as he was filled with indescribable fire.

All of a sudden their passions burst forth with their delighted moaning as they began to entwine together!

# Chapter 174: The Mystique Core Divine Pill

Yi Ping and Asura were cuddling in each other's embrace for a long time but the time passed so quickly for them that they were reluctant to let go of each other.

After some time Yi Ping murmured, "Alas! I have told you that I am nothing but a lecherous man..."

Asura was glancing coquettishly at him, "I won't regret it. Do you regret it?"

Yi Ping shook his head, "Of course I won't! But alas...I am so messed up now..."

Asura looked at him endearingly, "You have better now. Do you know that because of you, I have really screwed up my secret destiny?"

Yi Ping was startled, "What secret destiny?"

Asura smiled shyly, "I am not telling you now. If you really want to know, let us survive through the Stellar Sanctuary first and I want you to look for me in the Immortal Realm. Only then will I tell you!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "Isn't it a little too hard?"

It was because Yi Ping knew that there was a huge tumbling barrier between the Celestial Realm and the Immortal Realm.

The mythical Ninth Heavens or the Immortal Realm where the immortals dwelled was the ultimate goal of all the celestial practitioners. It was because it was the only place under heavens which offered protection from the deadly divine calamity!

Asura smiled shyly, "To the others maybe it is hard. But you are different. I have faith in you. You must know that I have descended forcibly to the Celestial Realm and can't remain here for much longer. It is only because of the immortal nature of the Stellar Sanctuary that we can actually stay here indefinitely. But once we leave the Stellar Sanctuary or until the Stellar Sanctuary cast us out, we can't remain in the Celestial Realm for too long. Do you get me?"

Yi Ping was immediately saddened when he had heard her. It was because he knew that he had to be separated from her, from Aiel, from Isa, from Alice and even Lele when the times come!

But he quickly asked, "Are you feeling better now?"

Asura lowered her glance dolefully as she replied shyly, "I am no longer affected by the pains of the fire deviation..."

Yi Ping was guilty as he muttered, "That is good. I am really such a beast and have taken advantage of you..."

Asura rebuked him lightly, "You really think that I will be actually be under the influence of that accursed pill?"

Yi Ping was startled as he blushed redly, "You are not?"

Asura smiled shyly, "I am not. Never underestimate the willpowers of the immortal goddesses. Given time, the effects of the drug will wear thin. Worse come to worse, I can always enter a state of animate dead. By then the effects of the drug will already fade off and my internal injuries would have been healed."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "So why didn't you?"

Asura laughed softly, "Because there is a beast that is next to me and I don't want to be his prey!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he held her even tighter, "Don't you think that it is the time for you to take the Negative Core Divine Pill now?"

Asura moaned lightly, "Do you think that the Negative Core Divine Pill is going to be useful to me?"

Yi Ping nodded, "The sooner you regained your internal strength and the use of your legs then we would have a better rate of survival..."

All of a sudden Asura was kissing him and they were tumbling and rolling together again as she whispered shyly, "Right now, the only thing that I have in mind is just you alone. I want to Dual Celestial with you..."

Yi Ping muttered, "It will affect your attainment. Moreover, it will also be unfair to the rest of my consorts..."

Asura chuckled, "Don't worry about my attainment and who cares about your other consorts?"

Yi Ping protested weakly but he was already on fire as he pressed upon and fondled her arousing body, "I...it is my moral responsibility...I hope that they will be safe and steer clear of Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian...alas!"

Asura moaned with delighted pleasure as she silenced him with a kiss, "You...let's put it aside first..."

Yi Ping sighed softly. The Goddess Asura was really too tempting and enticing. He scolded himself for not being able to restraint himself. But he could not help himself. He had to admit that at first he did not have much fondness for the Goddess Asura especially when she had pushed him down the cliff on purpose, causing him to be separated from his group. But after he had realized that she was only protecting her chastity, he began to develop an admiration for her unbending will.

He had come to conclude that the reasons that she had bowed to him, was because she had pledged him a promise and not because she was under the intoxicating influence of the drug that she was forced to swallow.

He had a fault. The more lofty and admirable a maiden was, the more he could not resist them. He was like a moth that was attracted to their fires...

But he did not know that the Goddess Asura was also drawn to him because she had disdained despicable men and that she had never seen anyone as honorable as him. She was like a delicious pie that was in front of him yet he had not taken advantage of her and had protected her all this while.

Finally she could not suppress her forlorn admiration for him any longer when she realized how close she was to losing him!

Again time passed...

At long last Yi Ping pleaded with her as he once again tried to put the

Negative Core Divine Pill into her hand, “Now you can be a good girl and take the Negative Core Divine Pill now?”

Asura nodded reluctantly as she took the Negative Core Divine Pill from his hand. As she pulled her eyes away from him to the pill, she gasped all of a sudden. “This is not the Negative Core Divine Pill!”

Yi Ping was startled, “It is not? Then what is it?”

Asura shook her head as her eyes beamed, “No, it isn’t. I am sure of it...”

All of a sudden she gasped with shock as she sniffed at it, “Isn’t this the Mystique Core Divine Pill...”

Yi Ping was about to ask her what it was when he had suddenly heard howling sounds behind him. He was startled and quickly turned around. It was ‘Xiao Ping’ the small golden Kirin cub and it was now leaping around him!

Before they could regain their composure from this little visitor, more than a dozen figures had poured into the passage calling, “Yi Ping!”

Asura and Yi Ping were so startled that they had all started pulling their clothing to cover themselves panicky!

The newly arrivals were Alice, Isa, Yixian, Youxue, Lingfeng, Aiel, Lele and all the others that were in Yi Ping’s group and when they saw the scene, they were totally flabbergasted!

The Universal Old Man was the first to mutter, “I think we have found them but at the wrong time...”

Lingfeng was so flabbergasted that she immediately censored Yi Ping, “We are so worried for you and yet you are having so much fun here. Do you even know the difficulties that we have to face while making the search for you?”

Youxue was also unhappy as she hummed coldly, “Hmph! Yi Ping, you are good! Very good!”

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were staring coldly at Yi Ping!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian, the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing and the Joyful Goddess Lele were all speechless at the scene and they were looking at one another for an explanation...

Alice said coldly, "You actually in such a good mood."

No one knew if she was saying it to Asura or Yi Ping!

Asura was utterly shocked as she took a quick look at Yi Ping as she thought, "He really did not lie to me at all. Alice is really with Isa and the Goddess of Mercy. I have wronged him..."

But at the same time she was elated. It was because she knew now that he had been honest to her!

Aiel had walked quietly next to them and her enchanting face was blushing shyly, "Yi Ping, the Goddess Asura and you..."

She stole a quick glance at the left forearm of the Goddess Asura and noticed that her chastity mark was gone, "The two of you..."

Lingfeng looked at the other maidens, "I told you so. We mustn't let him be alone or else with his endless peach blossom luck, he will surely end up with another maiden!"

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were smiling. They did not seem to mind and instead they had said at the same time, "Welcome to the family!"

Yunzi smiled too, "Welcome to the family!"

Asura was startled by their reactions. It was because she knew that she had broken one of the most sacred principle laws of the Goddess Theocracy. Yet they were welcoming her as though the Goddess Celestial Alice was not around!

She took a panic and hurried look at Alice as she muttered, "I..."

But in the end, she could find no words!

Alice walked to her gently as she placed the Symphony of Destiny in her hands, "This is the symbol of the Goddess Theocracy. You must retain it at all times by your side."



Asura gasped, "...the Eternal Goddess is willing to pardon me?"

Alice said gently to her, "Why shouldn't I? You did nothing wrong."

Asura was staring in disbelief at her, "But I..."

She stole a look at Yi Ping, "But I..."

Alice smiled gently at Yi Ping, "You must take good care of Asura in the future or else I won't forgive you. She is a most passive maiden and that is why I have entrusted the Goddess Theocracy to her."

Yi Ping solemnly said, "I will for sure..."

Asura hummed coldly, pretending to be cold. "It is more likely that I will be the one that is taking care of him instead!"

Alice smiled wryly, "Shouldn't it be the opposite? After all, he is the incarnation of the Great God."

Asura was shocked as she looked at Yi Ping and she was covering her mouth with her hands, "He is the Great God?!"

Alice asked, "It is so unlike of you. You didn't sense the Pangu Intricate Energy that is within him?"

Asura was now blushing redly as she thought silently to herself, "He is the Great God. He is the Great God...the man of my destiny. I didn't lose my destiny at all..."

She quickly regained her composure as she replied Alice hesitantly, "I did suspect briefly but I have later concluded that it is the intricate energy of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force."

Isa was also puzzled as she interrupted her, "What makes you think so? It is really unlike you to draw the wrong conclusion."

Asura began to fluster as she protested weakly, "Isn't the Pangu Intricate Energy supposedly only obtainable at the highest level of the Stellar Sanctuary? So how is it possible for Yi Ping to possess the Pangu Intricate Energy then?"

Alice, Isa and the Goddess of Mercy and Aiel began to look at each

other nervously. It was because she was right!

Aiel muttered, "If the Pangu Intricate Energy has already been obtained by Yi Ping then what are the immortals fighting for in the Stellar Sanctuary?"

Alice muttered, "Maybe the Pangu Intricate Energy that Yi Ping has is on borrowed time. If he doesn't reach the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary then the borrowed Pangu Intricate Energy may dissipate at the same time that the Stellar Sanctuary has vanished?"

Isa said quietly, "It is possible. Or it is possible to have more than one successor to the Great God Pangu?"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled weakly, "No matter, we will find out once we have reached the top. Moreover Yi Ping is our future spouse now so we ought to see him through the very top."

Asura was even more startled, "What?! Yi Ping is your future spouse?"

Alice, the Goddess of Mercy, Isa and Aiel all nodded at the same time, startling Asura!

The Goddess of Mercy smiled at her, "Now you know why Alice didn't punish you? We have already bowed on our knees to the Great God, so you don't have to try anymore."

Asura was even more startled as she looked blankly at them...

Yi Ping muttered, "What if I am not the Great God? I..."

Alice smiled at him, "That isn't important."

Yi Ping was startled when he noticed that Alice was looking enticingly at him.

Alice turned to say to Asura, "Congratulations. You have got yourself the Mystique Core Divine Pill. What a rare find."

Yi Ping asked curiously, "What is this Mystique Core Divine Pill?"

At this moment all the other maidens and the Universal Old Man had also gathered around them as they were all trying to take a look at this

mysterious Mystique Core Divine Pill.

Aiel was looking in envy at the Mystique Core Divine Pill as she muttered, "If only I have one...alas!"

Lie Qing asked curiously, "What is this Mystique Core Divine Pill? Is it precious?"

Aiel nodded, "Extremely. It looks similar to the Negative Core Divine Pill but it is actually more potent than that. It actually has the divine properties to advance the Heaven Eyes of the practitioner. For those practitioners that have not awakened their Heaven Eyes yet, the Mystique Core Divine Pill is able to awaken their Heaven Eyes without any ill-effect."

Youxue, Yunzi, the Universal Old Man and all the others began to gasp...

Isa was smiling weakly, "If I have one Mystique Core Divine Pill, then there is a possibility that I may be able to reach the Seventh Cosmos Positioning. This divine pill is only heard of but unseen even in the Immortal Realm. That is how rare it is."

The Goddess of Mercy was smiling to Yi Ping, "I wonder how you got it?"

Yi Ping quickly explained, "I got it from the two Demon Bull Kings that I have fought earlier."

Everyone was gasping!

Lingfeng, Yixian, Lie Qing and Yunzi were so startled that they quickly examined Yi Ping for signs of injuries as they asked panicky, "Are you alright? You have fought the two Demon Bull Kings alone?"

Yi Ping was touched by their gestures as he assured them, "I am alright."

Asura was still holding the Mystique Core Divine Pill in her hands as she muttered with heartfelt appreciation, "This divine pill is really extremely precious and he has given it to me..."

She secretly stole a glance at Yi Ping to check his expressions for any

signs of regrets but Yi Ping composure was calm and was even delighted. She thought, “He has two Mystique Core Divine Pills and he has given one to me...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping bowed respectfully to the Universal Old Man as he said, “Protégé master, your protégé will like to present this Mystique Core Divine Pill to you!”

This kind gesture of his stunned everyone, including the Universal Old Man!

The Universal Old Man was stunned as he muttered, “You are actually giving me such a rare divine pill?”

Yi Ping said, “I still remember how protégé master, you have given us your Negative Core Divine Pill in the past. That is something that I would never be able to repay to you! I know that protégé master is trying to unravel the mysteries of the Heaven Eyes. I really have nothing to repay you for your kindness and mentoring.”

Asura was stunned that Yi Ping had actually given away the last Mystique Core Divine Pill simply like this!

This Mystique Core Divine Pill had other divine properties too, such as advancing the practitioner’s internal strength, divine attainment and was also miraculous in treating injuries too. Such a divine pill was simply too precious to be given away!

The Universal Old Man was so startled that he was actually shedding tears, “Alas, I have almost forgotten about it. That is nothing...”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly, “Old Man, you have taken a good protégé. Aren’t you glad?”

The Universal Old Man took the divine pill from Yi Ping as he muttered, “Ping’Er, I am really grateful. But I still need to give you an advice. As celestial practitioners, we must try to avoid sexual relations. Alas, I don’t want to lose you. The path to immortality is really too hard. Alas, you should keep this divine pill for yourself just in case...”

Yi Ping shook his head, “No, protégé master. I insist. I can well imagine

how you had felt when you had parted with the Negative Core Divine Pill to help Yixian back then. A hero should remember his benefactors and be without any guilt. Only then can he stand tall under the heavens!"

Because Yi Ping insisted, the Universal Old Man reluctantly took the divine pill with trembling hands, "Then I have to accept it. Many thanks..."

Lingfeng laughed softly, "That is enough already. Look, what is that golden passage ahead of us? It looks unusual. Want to go take a look? Anyone?"

At this, there were many jovial mutterings among the group as they all nodded eagerly!

Lele said delightfully, "We have finally found Yi Ping and the Goddess Asura. We are all finally together again. What a relief! Let us go and check that golden passage immediately. Who knows, that may just be the entrance to the next level!"

Yixian smiled gently, "Lele, you are already getting impatient."

Lele had already flown to the entrance of the golden passage!

Yi Ping said quietly to the Goddess Asura, "Let me carry you first. The effects of the Mystique Core Divine Pill may not be acting so soon."

Asura nodded shyly as she raised her right hand for Yi Ping to lift her, "Then may the Great God assist me. By right, it should be your humble servant that attends to you."

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "I prefer that you will continue to call me Yi Ping..."

All of a sudden Lele returned from the golden passage as she called out panicky to everyone, "Come over here immediately! There is something unusual in this passage!"

# Chapter 175: The Path of Immortality

Yi Ping and his entire group immediately followed Lele's lead as they entered the golden passage.

This golden passage was actually a huge cavern and the interior was actually a golden hall. Everything in this passage was made of carefully constructed white celestium walls and golden pillars.

At the end of this majestic hall was a shimmering gold portal and in the middle of this was a long golden table with chairs along its sides.

Everyone was stumped for different reasons.

A shimmering golden portal lied at the end of this hall. A golden shimmering portal was something that was never seen before by anyone!

And there was a large golden table that was enough to seat a hundred people that was in the middle of this hall. But what was the purpose of a table in the middle of nowhere?

The Goddess Celestial Alice was perplexed, "I have never seen such a golden portal in the past before..."

The Goddess Asura was also smiling weakly, "Neither did I. But this is the fortieth level and mysterious happenings can still occur here."

It was a known thing that the most mysterious things happened at every tenth and thirtieth levels of the Stellar Sanctuary!

Yi Ping was looking at the golden table curiously, "Who will put such a magnificent table in the middle of nowhere? And there are chairs too. Why will the Stellar Sanctuary creates such an anomaly in the middle of nowhere?"

Lele laughed as she began to seat herself next to the golden table, "Aren't you all tired? Why don't everyone sit down first? Maybe there will be servants coming in soon to serve us food after we have all seated ourselves!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly at that thought.

The Goddess Celestial Alice was perplexed as she stole a glance at the shimmering golden portal, "I wonder what lies below that golden portal. Should we enter it or shall we find another way? I got an uneasy feeling about this portal."

Lele called out to Yixian and Lie Qing, "Sisters, come over here. The seats here are so comfortable!"

Yixian and Lie Qing stole a look at each other before walking to Lele; they were more curious in taking a look at the intricate designs of the table and chairs than in resting comfortably.

Lele winked as she called to the rest of the maidens, "Sister Youxue, Sister Yun, Sister Yu'Er, Sister Mei'Er, Sister Ye Yin, Sister Xingyue, Han Lin...what are you all waiting for?"

Since Youxue and Yunzi were also curious to take a look, they did not hesitate in following Lele's lead.

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye Yin and Xingyue had walked to the table together, followed by Yu'Er and Mei'Er!

Yi Ping groaned as he looked at Lingfeng and Asura, "I don't think this is the time to linger in this place much longer. We should step into that golden portal first."

Lingfeng smiled alluringly as she winked at Yi Ping and Asura, "What is the hurry? You have already lingered here long enough. Now it is our turn to linger in this place!"

With that, she had also marched to the golden table in the middle!

The Universal Old Man was elated and he was muttering to himself. It was because he had just swallowed the Mystique Core Divine Pill and was starting to experience a wondrous surge in his intricate energy and senses!

He looked at Yi Ping as he patted his belly, "Seems like majority wins. Let's go and take a look then. No harm in taking a look right?"

The Goddess of Mercy was standing next to them and she was looking

perplexed. After she had heard the Universal Old Man, she muttered. "Sometimes curiosity kills the cat."

Alice nodded, "Some traps are designed to kill the curious."

Yi Ping was startled as he suddenly remembered the formation that Alice had placed in the Astronomic Stellar Formation so he panicky said, "In that case, we must stop them!"

Alice shook her head gently, "It is already too late. However, I have already scanned this hall with my divine eyes but I cannot find anything unusual about this place. It could be that the trap is well concealed or it has a set of conditions."

Isa nodded, "This is a most unusual hall. This golden table and that golden portal makes it even more mysterious. Let us check out that table first before we move into the golden portal. This won't take us long."

The Goddess of Mercy muttered, "Then we have better hurry. This type of portal doesn't wait forever. It is either we enter as quickly as possible or we choose not to. If the Stellar Sanctuary starts to shift, then it will be terrible!"

Asura smiled, "Agree."

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, "We have never agreed upon anything. This is the first time that we are agreeing with each other."

Asura said shyly as she stole a glance at Yi Ping, "There will be a second time, a third time and more in the future!"

Yi Ping placed Asura gently on a golden seat as they all began to examine the golden table and the golden chairs.

This golden table was really large, measuring 3 meters by 33 meters long and was enough to seat a hundred people for there were exactly a hundred golden chairs, fifty on both sides of the golden table.

The golden table had many circular and flowers intricate patterns on it. The intricate patterns had a much lighter golden tone.

As for the golden chairs, it was patterned exactly the same way and like



the golden table, it was rooted to the ground and it was impossible to shift.

Alice immediately said, "The intricate patterns on the table and chairs are the flowers of life. It represents the highest mysteries of creation."

The Goddess of Mercy nodded, "But I can find nothing unusual about the table or the chairs."

The Heaviness Lingfeng had tapped the table with a needle, "The intricate patterns are made of pure gold while the entire table and chair are made of celestium metals. This, I have no doubt about it."

Asura and Aiel were also nodding as they examined the table with their fingers.

Youxue and Yunzi were the most curious. They listened intently as they inspected the table and chairs more vigorous than the others. It was because protégés of the Virtuous Palace were trained from young to leave no stone untouched.

Youxue muttered, "I don't get it. It is just one solid table. Why should the Stellar Sanctuary places such an unusual table here? Is there a feast or something? Is there a hidden formation inside the table?"

Alice had mustered her internal strength and her fingers had turned sparking gold in color as she began to hit the table, unleashing minute shockwaves one after the other. "Nothing...this is indeed strange But I am sure there is something because...."

She took a look at Asura who quickly nodded as she lifted the Symphony of Destiny to tap the table and all of a sudden the staff was vibrating, "From the reactions of the Symphony of Destiny, we can tell that there is indeed a hidden formation in this table. But it is not revealing itself to us. Therefore we can conclude that this formation isn't a defensive or an offensive formation but is something else."

Lingfeng smiled, "We are fortunate to have a couple of immortal practitioners on our side. Or else we won't be able to know this much. If we can't find anything unusual, let's us be on our way. After all, not all

mysteries are solvable and not all mysteries will be revealed if we are not fated with it.”

Yi Ping agreed, “Lingfeng is right. If the golden portal closes, then we may even miss out on something even more extraordinary.”

Alice was looking perplexed as she said gently, “Let’s us examine this table a little longer first. Alright? Everyone?”

Lele smiled, “This seat is so comfortable that I don’t want to get up anymore.”

Lie Qing teased her, “Be careful of what you have wished for.”

Lele chuckled softly, “Sister, you should relax first.”

Yixian said to Alice, “There is no harm in waiting a little longer. I will help to keep an eye on that portal. I am sure with our group swiftness movement skills, we may still have ample time to gatecrash it.”

Yi Ping said, “I guess that is alright then.”

Ye Yin said, “Those that want to take a rest can do so first while the rest of us can also help to look for clues!”

Shen Xingyue smiled angelically as she nodded, “That seems like a good plan.”

With that, everyone began to walk around the golden hall as they searched for clues.

But after some time, they were all resting on the golden chairs, having found nothing strange about the golden table, golden chairs and even the golden hall!

Shen Xingyue muttered, “This is indeed weird. Why should anyone put a table in the middle of nowhere and there is nothing unusual about it?”

The Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing was looking perplexed as well as she began to tap the table curiously, “Preciously because there is nothing unusual about it makes it all the more suspicious, especially in a most unusual place.”

Han Lin was already bored from the search and she was now chatting happily with Lele.

As Yi Ping sat wearily on the chair, he was suddenly stunned by what he had seen and he had noticed that his protégé master the Universal Old Man was also secretly looking at the other maidens in stunned silence!

It was because he had suddenly noticed that all the maidens had their soft bosoms on the table. It was because the distance between the chairs and the table as well as the height of the table was exactly positioned as such for the maidens to lean their moving bosoms on the table!

Yi Ping's nose was suddenly dripping blood when he witnessed the sight and he was flustering hotly now...

It did not escape the notices the other maidens as they asked panicky, "Yi Ping, are you alright? Yi Ping, you are bleeding..."

But before Yi Ping had the time to assure them that he was alright, the entire hall had turned dark, the golden table and the chairs were all glowing!

Everyone was startled as they tried to stand up but suddenly discovered that they were all glued to the golden chairs!

Yi Ping was startled as he quickly mustered all his martial power to get up but he too, failed in the attempt. He was shocked that he could not even move a single inch even when he had used all his entire strength!

All of a sudden he had noticed that he was now alone in the chair and he could not see anything but darkness!

The golden table had turned into images of stars, suns, moons and whirling stellar clouds!

Yi Ping was startled at this wondrous sight. In fact, he was so mesmerized by it that he had forgotten that he was now in a dire situation and had stopped struggling.

After some time, he noticed that he was no longer on the golden chair but he was floating among the starry heavens!

All of a sudden a black hole had appeared in front of him and was pulling him into it!

He was so startled by it that he immediately tried to struggle against it but his minute strength was futile against this dark abyss vortex!

But just as he was about to lose all hope and was about to be sucked into this dark vortex, a bright white sun had burst forth from beyond the starry heavens, instantly scattering this dark vortex and he was once again floating in the endless space!

Almost immediately a white shimmering light began to pull him into it!

Yi Ping was so startled that he immediately woke up in cold sweat and once again, he found himself sitting on the golden chair again!

But what was astonishing was that all the others had also broken in cold sweat and all had a look of confusion in their expressions!

Yi Ping muttered, "What has actually happened?"

Lele looked equally confused and she had turned extremely pale, "I saw the suns, the stars and the moons..."

Han Lin muttered, "And a black hole is pulling me into it. I almost die from fright..."

Yu'Er gasped, "I have the same vision too!"

Mei'Er was startled, "So do I..."

Ye Yin muttered, "You are not the only one."

The Universal Old Man was also muttering, "What is going on?"

Yi Ping looked at the rest of the maidens as he muttered, "Everyone too?"

All the rest of the maidens nodded at him. All of them had the same visions!

Asura was smiling discreetly to Yi Ping as she said, "I have regained the use of my legs now and even my golden body!"

Yi Ping was delighted as he said twice, "Good! Good!"

Alice said gently, "Let's us divine the outcome of this experience first so that we can all know what is it all about."

With that, Alice, Isa, Asura, Aiel and Lingfeng were all moving their fingers quickly to divine the outcome of this vision.

Finally Isa, Asura, Aiel and Lingfeng were all looking at the Goddess Celestial Alice for an answer.

The Goddess of Mercy muttered, "Maybe we shall let Alice tells us the outcome of her divination first and see if it is the same?"

Aiel nodded quietly.

Alice heaved a soft sigh as she looked at everyone with an astonished look, "You won't believe it but the whole lot of you is now an immortal practitioner!"

This simple statement caused an instant uproar to break out from everyone as they began to talk at the same time!

The Goddess of Mercy nodded, "While this doesn't affect us who are already immortals, it is still a startling revelation and can help us to further our own attainment."

Yi Ping muttered, "We are all immortal practitioners now?! How is it possible?"

Alice smiled delightfully, "Truly. Given time, some of you may even attain as true immortals like us."

The Universal Old Man was so stunned that he stammered, "But where is the Heavenly Wrath? And it is so simple?!"

Alice smiled gently, "You have already encountered it. That black abyss hole is the heavenly wrath tribulation. If your heart isn't pure then you won't be able to attain as an immortal practitioner and you would surely have perished!"

The Universal Old Man was stunned, "We will perish if we fail..."

Yi Ping stumped blankly on the chair as a thought crossed him, "I have sent Shi Shi, Yang Min, Jing'Er, Xiao Qian, Lady Winter Plum and Old

Reverend Vanquisher Sage to the outside. If they are here then they may be able to attain as an immortal practitioner...my well-meaning intentions have backfired..."

The Heaviness Lingfeng was trembling because this was a dream that had always been elusive to her and the other celestial practitioners, "We are immortal practitioners now? So we don't have to go to the most upper level of the Stellar Sanctuary anymore to learn how to become an immortal practitioner?"

The Celestial Fairy Yixian said gently, "Maybe we still have to pay a visit to it. We still don't have the immortal practice yet. It will be fairly long journey before we can become true immortals. Moreover without the immortal practice, we cannot teach the others how to embark on the path of immortality."

Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Youxue and Yunzi were shocked beyond words as they looked at each other while muttering, "Is this just a dream? We are all immortal practitioners now?"

Yi Ping was smiling weakly because he had suddenly noticed their bosoms on the table again. He averted his eyes to ask Alice, "What is going on? So there is a hidden formation here that actually reveals the immortal practice to us? And we are now immortal practitioners now. It is as simple as that?"

Alice smiled gently as she looked at everyone and everyone was also looking at her, "It is not as simple as that. Do you know that there was more than one time that we would have all perished together?"

Everyone was gasping with shock and disbelief!

Alice continued to explain, "I have figured out the conditions of this intricate formation. We all have to be seated on this table to activate this hidden formation. However, this table is the table of harmony. If we are at odds with each other when we sit down, we will all perish at the same time!"

When everyone had heard her, they were all shocked and had turned ashen!

The Goddess Isa looked at the Goddess of Mercy and at the Goddess Celestial Alice before looking at the Goddess Asura, "It is a lucky thing that we have resolved our differences or else we will all perish together. What a close shave!"

The Goddess Aiel looked at Han Lin with a teasing smile, "I told you not to argue with me all this while. You would have gotten us all killed."

Han Lin immediately retorted, "I should be the one that is saying that instead!"

The Universal Old Man thought of the Old Venerable Vanquisher Sage as he muttered, "Lucky! If he is here, then we are all doomed!"

As everyone looked at each other, they had all broken into cold sweat once more; it was because in the past they were all fighting with each other and had many differences with each other!

Alice said gently, "This hidden harmony formation is a powerful one that is able to slay us instantly. Even the immortals won't be spared from it. That is how powerful it is. It is a good thing that our group is able to co-exist in harmony with each other, sparing us from this calamity."

She paused for a while before continuing, "When the formation is activated, the black hole represents the powerful influence of our hearts and our ambitions. It is a colossal abyssal that will destroy us. Only our goodness within our hearts will be able to save us and that is represented by the white sun that we have seen in the vision. But even then, this was not enough. The size of the white sun represents our group as a whole. If anyone of us perishes to the black hole, then the others will also be at risk. Therefore we have all escaped death twice over."

Asura nodded, "All in all, we have escaped death a total of three times and that is really not easy."

Yi Ping began to shudder at how close they were to lose their lives!

Alice stole a secret glance at Yi Ping quietly. She did not mention that Yi Ping was actually the biggest star in the region of space that they had shared and he alone had contributed to half of the size of the white sun

that had pulled them all to safety!

She secretly sighed, “All the true immortals have blood in their hands. Maybe the purpose of the Stellar Sanctuary is a herald of a new age...”

Asura, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, Aiel and Isa were all highly attained immortals and they understood the vision perfectly well. Therefore like Alice, they were all looking at Yi Ping with gladness and appreciation in their hearts!

This was followed by the rest of the maidens as they lifted their glances to look upon at Yi Ping one by one!

Yi Ping broke the silence as he muttered reluctantly, “Let’s go.”

He took a last look at their tempting soft bosoms as he sighed softly...

Lele had already sped for the shimmering golden portal delightfully as she called out to the rest, “Let go and have a look at what is beyond this portal!”

Suddenly she no longer felt lonely; it was because Yi Ping and all the rest were now immortal practitioners and with some luck, one day they would all have the chance to meet once again!

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin were elated too as they sped after Lele. In a blink of an eye, they had already entered the shimmering golden portal!

As the group moved toward the shimmering golden portal, Yi Ping had a jolt in his head as he suddenly called out. “Oh no, wait!”

Alice and Yixian were startled as they quickly to turn to ask him, “What is wrong?”

Yi Ping had turned ashen as he said panicky, “What if this shimmering golden portal is a trap? To test our greed? This golden hall seems to be designed to kill. Everything that is in here seems like a gambit. It is like a hidden trial. We should avoid that shimmering golden portal...”

Alice had turned ashen too, “Yi Ping is right. It is truly a trap. This trap is so obvious that we have all missed it...”



The Celestial Fairy Yixian smiled weakly as she took a step toward the shimmering golden portal, “Alas, it is already too late. We can’t abandon the rest of our sisters that is in there now.”

Yi Ping had already rushed to the shimmering golden portal as he said aloud, “I am going in. Alas! Lele, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Ye Yin, Xingyue...”

As he passed the shimmering golden portal with a seemingly electric feel, he quickly blinked his eyes to adjust his visions and he found himself in a large but dark walled passage way. Just in front of him were Lele, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er.

Yi Ping panicky said to them, “This place isn’t safe! We shouldn’t have rushed in just like this. Alas!”

Just as he finished speaking, the rest of the group had also materialized into this dark wall passage!

Lie Qing was asking, “Where are we now?”

Lele smiled weakly as she looked at Yi Ping, “Isn’t that a little bit too late for you to say so? We have already entered the portal...”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he agreed with her views, “Yes, it is already a little too late. But not too late for us to exercise full caution.”

He quickly turned to Lingfeng and Alice, “Where are we now?”

Lingfeng chuckled softly, “I have forgotten that someone can’t read.”

Ye Yin pointed to a runic craving on the wall on top of them as she asked solemnly, “Is this the one? It is just a X.”

Lingfeng and Alice were startled, followed by Isa, the Goddess of Mercy, Aiel and Asura.

Finally Alice muttered, “We are at level X the unknown. This is a hidden level of the Stellar Sanctuary where no one has ever seen or known.”

Everyone was gasping nervously and exclaiming between themselves!

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “But we have found it...”

Yunzi said all of a sudden, “This passage is dark. In fact, we have never

seen any walled passage this dark before.”

Everyone was a little startled. It was because they had all possess dark vision and could adjust quickly to the darkness. But now that Yunzi had mentioned about it, they realized that unlike the earlier walled passages that they had been to, this wall passage was indeed much darker!

All of a sudden the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing had turned ashen as she panicky asked, “Where is Sister Xian’Er? She isn’t here...”

Everyone was startled as they quickly looked around for her!

Indeed the Celestial Fairy Yixian was not in their group!

Yi Ping had turned as white as sheet as he muttered with a cold heart, “Xian’Er, where are you...”

# Chapter 176: Level X

Lie Qing said to Yi Ping, "I saw Sister Xian'Er walking through the portal right after you, Ping'Er..."

Shen Xingyue was perplexed as she looked woefully at Yi Ping, "I saw too. She has gone right after you because she was worried for the rest that have already gone into the portal."

Yi Ping was trembling and he felt like a broken person now, "But where is Xian'Er now. Where is she..."

He turned to Alice to ask her, "Maiden Ziyan, do you know?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice was equally baffled. She replied while moving with her fingers rapidly as she determined a divination, "If we all move at the same time into the golden portal then the destination outcome will all be the same but clearly, that conclusion is now invalid because the Celestial Fairy isn't here now."

Lele was tearful as she held her mouth, "Sister Xian'Er where are you..."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were equally woeful and were at a loss!

Youxue said coldly, "That accursed golden portal! Lele, why did you enter the portal so quickly?"

Lele lowered her glance and did not say a word. It was because she had totally lost her mood to say anything!

Yunzi held Youxue's arm, "Xue'Er, it is not Lele's fault..."

Youxue looked away and her eyes were red!

It was because Youxue and Yixian were one-time rivals who had over the time, become extremely close to each other and Yixian had even imparted to her the complete Icy Heavenly Tears, even painstakingly aided her to merge the Icy Heavenly Tears and the Invincible Divine Force as one!

The Goddess Aiel was equally upset. It was because she knew that Yixian was the incarnation of the Goddess Ishtar as the mark on her

forehead was only unique to her. In the past, they were really close to each other...

All of a sudden Isa said, "I have an uneasy feeling about this place."

Asura nodded uneasily, "Same here. Having been to the Stellar Sanctuary on numerous times, this is the first time that I have never seen an X level."

The Heaviness Lingfeng tapped Yi Ping's gently, "Yi Ping, are you alright?"

Yi Ping was still staring blankly in the thin air as he muttered, "I am alright but is Xian'Er alright? She is still not here yet..."

Lingfeng asked him, "So you want to wait here for her?"

Yi Ping asked her, "What else can I do?"

Lingfeng said quietly, "What if there is a minor glitch with the portal that we have just taken? This sort of things may just happen. If so, Sister Xian'Er may be teleported to another part of this passage. If we do not find her soon enough, she may be in grave danger!"

Yi Ping was startled as he began to take wobbly steps forward, "Lingfeng! You may be right! Let's us go and search for Xian'Er now. She must still be somewhere here..."

Everyone could see that Yi Ping's was beaming with tears and could see that the sudden disappearance of Yixian had affected him badly.

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Shen Xingyue and Lie Qing tapped him slightly to comfort him.

Shen Xingyue looked at him gently, "Ping'Er, we will surely find Sister Xian'Er. Alright?"

Yi Ping raised his hands to hold her shoulder as he trembled uncontrollably, "Xingyue, I am so sorry to you!"

Quite a few were startled and were curious; why did Yi Ping apologize to Xingyue out of the blue?

Shen Xingyue smiled gently as she comforted him, “I don’t mind. You are right to show your concern for her.”

Lingfeng took a quiet look and understood immediately.

It was because Shen Xingyue was the fiancée of the White Sage in the past. They were really an ill-fated couple. Later the White Sage had a chance meeting with the Heaviness who took him in and imparted to him the celestial practice. It was later that the White Sage had a chance meeting with Revelation Star who was the Celestial Fairy Yixian’s previous incarnation.

Then the Great Descendant struck, creating such an upheaval that many of the celestial clans were destroyed and many more celestial practitioners had lost their lives. In the end, Revelation Star was so grieved that she could not bear to look upon the White Sage.

She did not know that the White Sage was equally grieved at the loss of so many of his fellow celestial protégés, friends and companions.

She did not know that she was the reason why the White Sage had endured the unbearable loneliness and did not ascend to the Celestial Realm!

She did not know that once she had made the fateful decision to sacrifice herself for the incomplete celestial formation so as to attempt a destiny for her sisters and her to be together in another time, she had unwittingly broken the heart of the White Sage!

She did not know that the parting words that she had left behind for her sisters would one day be heard by the future incarnation of the White Sage, who was Yi Ping!

“Heaven Wrath had descended upon the three realms. My transcendent had been interrupted not by the Divine Crisis but by the most terrible of all the calamities, the Dark Malevolent Star Crisis. In that crisis, all three realms were given acquiescence to destroy in order to transcend. It was a crisis that was so woeful that many celestials were slew including my two celestial sisters, Luminous Star and Melody Star.”

“Even though I had a thousand years of divinity and had created a formidable star formation, I was not able to overcome the Divine Crisis. The Ascend failed because the deaths of my sisters had a lasting impact on my attainment and my end was near. In my final moments, my heart still reaches out for my sisters and was not regretful that I did not succeed in my investiture. Even if I take another thousand years, I will do so.”

In the end, it was the White Sage that had helped her to complete the celestial formation by sacrificing his divinity into it.

It was because when Revelation Star was no longer around, the White Sage had lost all will to live as well!

He had finally realized that the highest divinity in the Three Known Realms was the encompassing unifying love!

It was a pity that till today Revelation Star did not know about it.

At the White Sage's final heartbreaking moments, he had prayed earnestly and with great melancholy, “If I have a next life again, I want to do everything right the next time. What must I do to move the Heavens and the Earth? What must I do so that Heavens will bestow upon me such a chance again? Even if the Heavens turn me into a fool, I am willing to do so! I will rather be a blissful fool than a wise man who thought that he is the smartest and wisest person but he is actually the biggest fool!”

Lingfeng had taken a look into his heart through the Great Emptiness Translucence previously. She saw that Yi Ping's heart was filled with many fond memories of the Celestial Fairy even though they were only together for only a brief time.

Right from the start, Yi Ping and Yixian seemed to be drawn together even though they were from two totally different backgrounds. He was so down and poor while she was so noble and forbidden. His martial skills were so bad at the start that he could have easily died many times over while the Celestial Fairy was the top expert exponent of the martial fraternity.

Also the Celestial Fairy had no lack of suitors who admired her in the past. With her heavenly beauty, graceful leaning and profound learning,

she was like the goddess of the martial fraternity. If she was not such a reclusive practitioner, she would have swept and charmed half the martial fraternity without a need to lift her fingers!

The only reason why she was single was that she allowed no one that dared to intrude upon the forbidden grounds of the Eternal Ice Palace to leave alive.

That they could come together and had even become a couple was nothing short of a miracle!

But even as a couple, their journey had been very difficult. There were many times that they had come close to losing each other.

Lingfeng sighed softly in her heart, "How many more times must they face the tribulations of separation before they can lead a blissful life together?"

She had actually divined that they had to face a total of seven major tribulations before they could overcome their ill-fated destiny to be together. Whether they could overcome it depends on their will and luck. Even the most ill-fated had only a total of three major tribulations. But they were different. It was because they had attempted to change their destinies and had incurred the wrath of the Heavens!

The very reasons why she was able to divine their fates was because her own fate was intertwined with them!

She could only secretly prayed that they would be able to find Yixian as soon as possible!

Yi Ping was still bewildered and he was still reluctant to move away.

Everyone was looking at him for leadership and no one dared to make the first move.

The Goddess Celestial Alice had just finished divining with her fingers and she had turned to say to Yi Ping, "At first I cannot divine the whereabouts of the Celestial Fairy. So I try to divine the whereabouts of the Goddess Ishtar and to my astonishment, the divination actually offer a clue that she may be here. We just need to find a way to the epicenter of

this level and we can find her.”

Yi Ping was startled and his eyes had become alive again, “She is here?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice replied gently, “Affirmative.”

The Goddess Asura was also divining with her fingers rapidly, “The Eternal Goddess is right. I can’t divine the whereabouts of the Celestial Fairy either but when I try to divine for Ishtar, there is actually a result...”

The Goddess Isa and Goddess Aiel were also saying at the same time, “We have reached exactly the same conclusion as well.”

Yi Ping was elated and was about to rally everyone to be on the move again when he noticed Alice’s uneasy expression. He asked her, “Maiden Ziyen, what is wrong?”

Alice felt compelled to answer him as she shook her gently, “I am not sure what this divination means.”

Yi Ping was startled, “You are unsure?”

Alice nodded, “Why is it that we are unable to divine the Celestial Fairy but we are able to divine the whereabouts of the Goddess Ishtar?”

Yi Ping looked at her blankly when he had suddenly realized her hint!

He turned to look at Isa, Aiel and Asura; they were all nodding lightly to him and they all had the same realizations as well!

Alice spelt it out for the benefit of everyone, “The Goddess Ishtar, she had passed on a long time ago so it is not possible for anyone to divine her whereabouts.”

All of a sudden, Alice, Isa, Xiang and Aiel were exchanging buzz talk with each other so rapidly that it was impossible to understand or follow their conversations!

Yi Ping was stunned at their rapid nonstop conversations and he could only pick up a few details. The same happened to the rest of the group as well!

He thought, “Is that the way the Immortals speak to each other? It is so



fast and almost incomprehensible. I can hardly follow their conversations at all...”

Aiel covered her mouth as she gasped, “But we are able to divine the Goddess Ishtar now. Does that mean that she is...”

Alice shook her head as she muttered, “I do not know.”

Isa said coolly, “While all of you are discussing, I have made another divination on the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword. I am affirmative that that the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword is on this floor as well...”

Alice immediately knew what she was driving at and quickly divined with her fingers, “If the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword is on this level, then the Celestial Fairy has to be on this level as well. And the result of the divination indicates that the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword is now in the hands of a Goddess...”

The Goddess of Mercy asked, “Right and if an immortal sword such as the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword did indeed change hands, there will be a sign. But yet there are no signs. Therefore the Celestial Fairy is still in possession of the Icy Heavenly Divine Sword.”

Aiel muttered, “If the Celestial Fairy is still in possession of the Icy Heavenly Divine Sword and the Goddess Ishtar is also in possession of the Icy Heavenly Divine Sword as well...”

Asura added coolly, “Then the Goddess Ishtar and the Celestial Fairy are actually one and the same.”

Isa snapped her fingers, “That is right.”

Aiel muttered, “But how? How is it possible?”

They had all immediately fallen into silence as they entered a brooding trance to ponder...

Yi Ping could not resist interrupting, “This Goddess Ishtar, she is the previous incarnation of Yixian?”

Lele immediately corrected Yi Ping with woeful eyes, “The previous previous...where is my dearest sister. I really hope nothing happens to

her.”

Lie Qing was also looking extremely woeful and at a complete loss.

Aiel replied, “Yes, you can suppose so.”

Yi Ping suddenly felt like knowing everything about the Goddess Ishtar. So he asked solemnly, “What exactly has happened in the past? Something happens to the Goddess Ishtar?”

Aiel looked at Alice and Asura woefully, unsure whether to reply or not. It seemed that it was a touchy issue.

Alice inhaled softly before looking at Yi Ping, “I have sentenced the Goddess Ishtar to be voided out of the Three Known Realms for transgressing the sacred laws of the Goddess Theocracy.”

Yi Ping was startled, “Voided out...”

Alice replied coolly, “She is sentenced to death, in short.”

Yi Ping was stunned as he took a step back, “You...what? Why did you do that for? You can imprison her but to take her life...”

Alice interrupted coldly, “She has transgressed the most holy of holies laws of the Goddess Theocracy. That is why.”

Yi Ping clenched his fists as he asked coldly, “What holy of holies laws of the Goddess Theocracy that she had transgressed? And why is that it cannot be pardon?”

It was obvious that he was irked by it and it shown on his brooding expressions. It was because given the long life of an immortal, a death sentence appeared to be too appalling for him!

Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were all thinking at the same time, “Yi Ping, do you know who she is? She is not only just a Goddess of the immortal realm but she is also the patron goddess of the entire Pangu and Human Race. You ought to be respectful to her...”

Alice did not seem to mind. Instead she continued to look at Yi Ping gently before answering him, “She had entered the forbidden ground of the Goddess Theocracy and attempt to steal the artifact core of the Stellar

Sanctuary. That is her transgression.”

Yi Ping was shocked as he muttered woefully, “You can imprison her. But there is no need to be overly harsh.”

Aiel tapped Yi Ping gently on his arm, “Don’t be hasty to blame the Goddess Celestial Alice first. Ishtar was already dying when we found her. When we try to ask her for the reasons to the transgression, she refused to answer us.”

Yi Ping asked, “So if Ishtar isn’t dying, then the Goddess Theocracy will still void her out of the Three Realms?”

Alice replied nonchalantly, “Yes I will. No one has any business entering the forbidden grounds of the Goddess Theocracy.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly.

Asura said, “Yi Ping, you must know that the artifact core of the Stellar Sanctuary is the heritage artifact of the Goddess Theocracy and is heavily ward by several powerful defensive formations. It is no wonder that Ishtar did not survive...”

Isa suddenly said, “No Asura. She did survive the attempt.”

Asura asked, “What do you mean?”

Isa said thoughtfully as she looked at Asura and Yi Ping at the same time, “She did survive. Or else this level X in the Stellar Sanctuary will not exist, am I right? But for whatever reasons, we do not know and she did not want to tell us.”

The Goddess of Mercy asked her, “You are saying that the Goddess Ishtar is actually the one that creates this level? How is it possible? The Stellar Sanctuary is a remnant from the Great God Pangu. Lesser immortals to the Great God Pangu certainly do not have the powers to alter the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Alice said, “Whatever it is, we will soon find out. Aiel, tell us what you know. You are closest to Ishtar.”

Aiel began to smile weakly, “I have thought that we are as close as

sisters. But on that fateful day, only did I know how little I know about her.”

Han Lin asked curiously, “Mistress, what do you mean?”

Aiel answered with a bitter smile, “Only those who are in the Greater Cosmos Positioning are able to enter the Ninth Heavens which is also the highest realm level of the Nine Heavens Realm. I have always thought that her level of attainment is only at the Lesser Heaven Positioning and I have never thought that she would be capable of hiding her true immortal attainment from all of us.”

Alice lowered her glance before she said quietly, “That is what has been bothering me as well.”

Yi Ping was suddenly looking curiously at the other side of the passage. He felt that something beyond the passage was beckoning to him.

A gentle whisper was heard in his ears and unmistakably it was Yixian’s voice, “Yi Ping, come to me...”

Lingfeng asked him, “Yi Ping, what is wrong?”

All of a sudden Yi Ping said loudly, “Follow me quick! I can feel that it is Xian’Er. She is over there! I have also heard her voice!”

Lingfeng was perplexed and so was everyone.

Yu’Er asked, “Master? You have heard protégé mistress’s voice, really? But your Yu’Er didn’t hear anything...”

Mei’Er stammered, “Me too...”

But Yi Ping was already running hastily to the front!

Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yunzi and Asura all said at the same time, “Let’s go!”

Isa said, “We are struck here anyway. Let’s go!”

The Universal Old Man was muttering weakly, “I really got a very bad feeling this time...”

# Chapter 177: The Great Goddess Fantian

The dark passage soon had an opening.

Yi Ping and his group found themselves in a large chamber. At the end of this chamber there were two other passages.

Yi Ping was staring blankly at the two passages as he muttered, "Should I take the passage on my left or my right?"

The two passages were both blanketed by a shimmering blue portal. This indicated that both passages were both a one-way passage and there was no turning back once they were to enter any of the portals.

His attention was quickly captured by the sight of a large pictogram that was in the middle of these two passages. It was showing a pyramid that was layered by nine lines and on top of the pyramid was a large oval eye. On the left side of the pyramid was a sword while the right side was a shield.

The rest of the group was also looking at this strange heraldry curiously.

Alice immediately said, "This pyramid represents the Nine Heavens Realm and the eye that is on top of the pyramid represent our unique Heaven Eye. It is because unless the Heaven Eyes is awakened, no one will be able to enter the Nine Heavens Realm."

She turned to look at everyone, "The sword represents the passage to the left while the shield represents the passage on the right."

Asura smiled weakly as she stole a glance at Yi Ping, "Sword or shield. What a hard choice."

Isa smiled bitterly, "It all depends on our inclination. Do you like sword or shield?"

Lingfeng said coolly, "It can also mean destruction or peace."

Youxue suggested, "Or death or life."

Yunzi asked Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, what do you think?"

Yi Ping shook his head, "This is indeed a difficult choice. Even my Heaven Eyes can tell me nothing. I am afraid..."

Yunzi asked, "Afraid? Afraid of?"

Yi Ping sighed softly as he looked at Alice, "What if the choice that we making now will determine the future of the Immortal Realm?"

The Universal Old Man was startled as he looked at Alice, "You mean these two passages will determine the fate of the Immortal Realm? How is it possible?"

Yi Ping muttered, "It is just a wild guess."

Alice said quietly, "It may not be too far from your supposition."

The Goddess of Mercy was startled, "I don't believe that our decision will actually have such a far reaching effect? Then why don't we split between the two passages?"

Isa groaned, "You call yourself a goddess of the sixth rank. If it is a decision that could decide the fate of the Immortal Realm then only the Great God is able to make the choice and not us!"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, "But then again, it is just a supposition."

Lie Qing was impatient as she said, "So which option do we choose? The sword passage or the shield passage?"

Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Lele were all looking at each other as they muttered, "Which one should we choose?"

Aiel and Han Lin were also looking at each other as they wondered!

All of a sudden Yi Ping asked Lingfeng, "Lingfeng, which one do you think we should choose?"

Lingfeng smiled weakly, "You are asking me a most difficult question."

Yi Ping asked woefully, "But which do you think is the better choice for us to take?"

Lingfeng said quietly, "If you ask me for my thoughts then I will say that both passages are equally hard to decide. I may think that the sword

passage is a combat trial while the shield trial is a defensive formation trial. So we just have to decide whether we want to press on with a combat trial or a defensive formation trial.”

Yi Ping asked her, “You really think that it is so simple?”

Lingfeng looked at him and gave him an alluring smile, “I am thinking too simple or you are thinking too complex?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “If the smartest maiden in the group says so, then it must be true then.”

Lingfeng gave him a soft kick when she had noticed that all the maidens reacted slightly when Yi Ping was praising her. She murmured, “You did that on purpose, am I right? If I am wrong, then you have a chance to put me down. Either way, you are so mean!”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were hugging Lingfeng and they were saying, “Yes! Yi Ping is so mean!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he rubbed his nose.

Asura walked shyly towards him as she asked him gently, “Yi Ping, what do you think?”

Yi Ping looked at her and he began to flush, “I...I think that there is more than meet the eye.”

Asura asked, “Huh?”

Yi Ping walked toward the wall as he touched it, “This sword insignia...I think it represents the Heavenly Tear Sword while this shield represents the practitioner’s righteous shield...”

Lie Qing was also looking curiously at the wall, “Ping’Er, the Heaven Eyes...”

Yi Ping murmured as he exercised the Pangu Intricate Energy to his fingers to touch the Heaven Eyes, “It represents the Way of the Heavens...”

All of a sudden the pictogram disappeared and a shimmering golden portal had replaced it!

Lie Qing was astonished, "So this is the correct portal!"

Everyone was startled because this was the second golden portal that they had seen. What could possibly be beyond this golden portal?

Lie Qing, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin were looking at Yi Ping quietly. It was because they had suddenly realized that he was the reason that they could make it this far into the Stellar Sanctuary.

The Heaviness Lingfeng smiled wryly to Yi Ping, "How did you know there is a portal beyond this wall? This is not the first time already."

Yi Ping was stumped, "I just know...I am not sure how to explain this..."

Alice, Asura, Lele, Ye Yin, Yunzi and all the others were secretly looking at each other and exchanging their puzzlements with their glances.

Yi Ping hastily said, "This is the one portal that we must enter. Let's go in now!"

Lingfeng was startled when Yi Ping had already entered the shimmering golden portal hastily, "Wait a minute. We have not yet fully decided..."

She sighed softly as she too, entered the shimmering golden portal after him.

Lele quickly gathered her long robe as she called out after Lingfeng and Yi Ping, "Wait for me!"

Alice was startled. She was looking at Yi Ping intently as he had rallied everyone and until he had entered the golden shimmering golden portal.

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang had noticed that she was still standing on the same spot while the others had all hastily entered the golden shimmering golden portal so she asked her, "What is wrong?"

Alice said quietly, "This is the first time that I have felt so lost. It is only today that I have realized how little I know of the Stellar Sanctuary that I am protecting."

Aiel, Isa, Asura and Han Lin were the last of the group that had not entered the shimmering golden portal and they were all looking at Alice attentively.



Aiel said shyly, “The only person that we have to understand is only the Great God Yi Ping. Nothing else matters.”

Han Lin giggled, “Why is that I am thinking you are talking sense today?”

Aiel laughed softly as she gave Han Lin a light knock on her head, “Because I am your mistress!”

Isa looked at Asura with a wry smile, “You are so blissful. Not only have you got the heart of the Great God but you have also advanced your Heaven Eyes to the mythical seventh positioning. Even if I am to cultivate for ten thousand years, I will never be able to attain it!”

Asura muttered shyly, “You...”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang laughed softly, “So enviable. Same here. Not even a hundred thousand years for me. I still can’t understand how Alice is able to attain the seventh positioning on her own. Not even the Heavenly Kings are able to attain the seventh positioning. Alas, if only I have that Mystique Core Divine Pill.”

Alice smiled weakly, “I am afraid even if you have Mystique Core Divine Pill, you won’t be able to attain the seventh positioning.”

Xiang asked, “What do you mean?”

Alice explained, “It is true that the Mystique Core Divine Pill is able to advance the Heaven Eyes but is only to the sixth positioning. To reach the seventh positioning, it requires more than that.”

Xiang asked, “Then how?”

Asura lowered her glance shyly as she touched her belly, “I think it is because I have some of the Pangu Intricate Energy inside me now. That may be the reason why.”

Xiang, Isa, Aiel and Han Lin were looking curiously at the Goddess Asura and at her belly...

Han Lin smiled weakly, “Don’t tell me that you are with...child?”

Asura nodded lightly as her eyes lit up, “It may be a little too early now

to know but I can feel it.”

Aiel said sarcastically, “It may not be a good thing. Children born to practitioners in the Celestial Realm and the Immortal Realm will never be able to advance as a divine practitioner. The parents can only watch their children grow old and die or they will be slaves to the divine practitioners. What a tragic fate.”

Asura said firmly as she flushed, “My child will be special. I know it.”

Xiang looked at Alice, “I wonder how Alice manages to attain the seventh positioning then?”

Alice smiled weakly as she recalled the deadly abyssal tribulation that she had to overcome to attain the seventh positioning. At that time, she had given up on living. When the deadly abyssal tribulation had struck, she was already seriously injured by the destruction of the Astronomic Stellar Formation.

She had never expected that she would be able to overcome that deadly abyssal tribulation that resulted in the advancement of her Heavenly Eye to the Seventh Cosmos Position!

She muttered, “I was lucky enough to survive. How did I manage to reach the Seventh Positioning, I do not know either. But if I know how, I will surely share with everyone.”

All the others were exchanging looks with each other, not sure if they could believe her...

Finally Alice muttered woefully, “I have sacrificed all my attainment for the love that I crave but in the end, everything is in vain. So in the end, I just want to join him...”

Alice quickly sobered up as she smiled, “Let’s go now.”

Han Lin said, “Alright then. Let’s go now. The others are waiting for us.”

Aiel and Isa nodded as they said together, “We should go now.”

Asura panicky said, “Wait!”

Aiel asked, “Yes?”

Asura looked at everyone with pleading eyes, "Can all of you keep it a secret from Yi Ping?"

Isa looked back at her, "If you say so."

Aiel nodded, "Surely."

Han Lin smiled, "Yes surely!"

The Goddess of Mercy smiled, "If that is a request from the Goddess Asura, I just have to be accommodating to you then."

Alice smiled gently, "Don't worry, I won't tell Yi Ping unless you say so. So, let's us go now. The others may be worried if they don't see us anytime soon."

Everyone nodded as they entered the shimmering golden portal together.

As they entered through the shimmering portal, a bright light greeted them and in the next instant they were on a wide white pavement overlooking paddies of fields and lakes.

What astonishing were not the breathtaking drifting clouds or the celestial mountains on the horizon but the sight of millions of swords that were thrust in the fields around them and a gigantic floating golden citadel with eight waterfalls flowing down its edge could be seen in the distant horizon!

Han Lin was stunned as she viewed the stunning sight, "Where are we?"

Yi Ping was relieved when he had seen them appearing at the same time. He quickly said, "I was a little worried when there is no sight of any of you..."

Han Lin laughed jovially as she looked around her, "Aren't we here now? Where are we now?"

Yi Ping nodded with a sigh of relief as he looked at everyone intently.

Alice muttered as she divined quickly, "Fields of swords. These are swords formations. We must stay on the white path and must never stray from it or we will be attacked by those sword formations. "

She added, "This place is strange indeed. The presence of the Universal Force is much stronger here than elsewhere. Not even the eighty level of the Stellar Sanctuary can be compared to this level. It is like we are almost at the very top now."

Yi Ping said aloud, "Let's us do as Maiden Ziyan has suggested..."

All of a sudden Aiel was gasping as the dark heavenly relic had suddenly departed from her and flew into the fields of swords!

She was so startled that she cried out, "Hey..."

Yi Ping had jumped out to intercept the dark heavenly relic but it was flying too fast.

Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Shen Xingyue had also tried to intercept the dark heavenly relic with their secret projectiles but all their attempts were futile!

Aiel was almost in tears when all of a sudden a beaming white sword where the dark heavenly relic had disappeared from view, had flown from that direction and into her hands!

Isa immediately said, "Wonderful! It seems that your heavenly relic has actually reshapes itself into the likeness of one of the swords here!"

Aiel was startled as she held the beaming white sword, "My dark heavenly relic has become a divine sword and her name is...the Esteem Jewel!"

Han Lin teased her, "Mistress, your divine sword actually has a name? I have thought that you will take forever to name it!"

Aiel smiled weakly, "My divine sword reveals her name to me...maybe I should change her name to a better name in the future..."

Immediately the countenance of her divine sword began to fade and it was vibrating lightly. It was as though it was making its protest heard!

Alice smiled as she appraised the Esteem Jewel that was in Aiel's hand, "What a beautiful and fine divine sword! This sword has a strong spiritual animus in it. It is indeed a wonderful divine sword!"

Immediately the countenance of the Esteem Jewel Divine Sword began to lighten!

Aiel cursed softly, “Good for nothing sword. So you like flattery.”

The Universal Old Man was also saying, “What a fine divine sword. I can feel its piercing cold energies even from afar!”

Han Lin tapped the Esteem Jewel lightly and immediately she got a startling electric shock as she backed off, “It hurts!”

Aiel immediately laughed softly, “My divine sword don’t like you, Han Lin!”

Han Lin replied immediately with a cutesy annoyance, “I don’t like your divine sword either!”

Yi Ping said to Aiel with a soft laugh, “I got a good scare just now. Aiel, congratulations. You got a fine divine sword now. It is as beautiful as you, Aiel.”

Aiel was flushing shyly as she asked, “Really...”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “Mistress, so you like flattery too.”

Aiel laughed softly, “Han Lin, are you envious? A pity that you are not as beautiful as me!”

Han Lin hummed coldly, “Really? I say you are not as beautiful as me rather!”

Aiel was absolutely delightful as she held her new divine sword for everyone to take closer look, “This is my new divine sword, heehee! Is it more powerful than the Green Dragon Sacred Sword?”

Han Lin smiled bitterly, “My Green Dragon Sacred Sword is an immortal sword. Yours is just an ordinary divine sword. There is no way for it to be more powerful than my Green Dragon Sacred Sword. Moreover you have not even divine harmonized with your sword yet!”

Aiel hummed coldly, “You never know, Han Lin.”

Alice smiled, “This divine sword is birthed within the confines of the

Stellar Sanctuary. It may well be an immortal class sword. Until Aiel has divine harmonized with her sword, we can't tell now."

Aiel was really elated as she chuckled softly.

Yi Ping was totally mesmerized by her as he watched her intently...

All the other maidens were also admiring the sight of this new divine sword and they were all crowding around Aiel chattily!

Ye Yin asked, "I wonder what this place is? There are millions of swords here and this is also the birthplace of the Goddess Aiel's new divine sword..."

All of a sudden everyone froze in place because they could all sense a startling divine presence from the floating citadel and they had all turned their sights toward the floating citadel!

Immediately they were all stunned because their sharp eyes could make out a blue hair heavenly maiden standing on the fridge of the citadel. And behind her was a gigantic White Tiger Divine Beast!

This stunning heavenly maiden was also dressed in velvet blue attire and a blue white sword was cladded next to her. The blue white sword was the Heavenly Tear Divine Sword and this stunning heavenly maiden was without doubt the Celestial Fairy!

It seemed that her enticing eyes were full of woes and there was a great sense of melancholy on her as she stood on the edge of the floating citadel...

While Yi Ping had thought that the White Tiger Divine Beast was familiar but his attention was fully on Yixian. He began to shout loudly with all his martial strength as the vicinity resounded with his martial shockwaves, "Xian'Er! Xian'Er, is that you?!"

Lie Qing and Lele were also calling out loud, "Sister Yixian, please come back!" while Yu'Er and Mei'Er were also calling out, "Protégé mistress!"

Youxue and Yunzi were shouting, "Sister Xian!"

Aiel was muttering, "Ishtar?"

But the stunning heavenly maiden did not seem to notice them. After a while, she began to turn around and disappeared from their view together. This was followed by the White Tiger Divine Beast!

Yi Ping fell to his knees as he wept, “Xian’Er, Xian’Er! Why did you leave! Don’t you recognize your Ping’Er anymore?!”

Alice said quietly, “She is not your Xian’Er or Ishtar anymore.”

Asura, Xiang and Isa were also nodding quietly...

Yi Ping looked at Alice melancholy, “That is impossible. She is Xian’Er. I know it is her!”

Asura shook her head, “This divine presence can only mean one thing...”

The Goddess of Mercy had already turned pale as she murmured, “This is the presence of a Divine Being. How is it possible...”

Alice was trembling lightly, “She is a Divine Being from the Eternal Realm...”

Ye Yin asked, “How do you know?”

Alice looked at her quietly, “Only a Divine Being has such a strong divine aura and can command the divine beasts. That White Tiger Divine Beast is one of the four Guardian Divine Beasts. It doesn’t listen to anyone, including the Jade Emperor.”

She muttered, “It is getting more and more mysterious.”

Lie Qing asked her, “What do you mean?”

Alice looked intently at the lofty floating citadel, “If we are able to reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary then the entrance of the Eternal Realm will thus be revealed to us. It is because the Great God Pangu has left behind his Pangu Intricate Energy for the next Great God. When he inherits the Pangu Intricate Energy, he will also inherit the mantle of the Great God and thus be the ruler of the Three Known Realms. But now...”

She looked blankly at Yi Ping and her fingers were trembling, “There isn’t supposed to be another Divine Being other than the Great God Pangu...”

The Goddess of Mercy said quietly, "But now, we are seeing Yi Ping as the manifestation of the Great God. If there is another practitioner that can reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary to inherit the Pangu Intricate Energy then there will be two Great God Pangu..."

Isa added, "Not only that. We are seeing a Divine Being and she is the Celestial Fairy. She can't possibly be Ishtar because she can't possibly be alive..."

Asura interrupted softly, "No, it is entirely possible."

Isa and everyone else looked at her curiously.

Asura said, "At the moment she has passed on, it is entire possible that part of her soul has entered the Stellar Sanctuary. Moreover the Goddess Ishtar had sought out the Stellar Sanctuary for a purpose. Surely she is aware of the deadly celestial formations that are in the forbidden grounds of the Goddess Theocracy. Also there is no chance for her to sneak into the forbidden grounds without alerting the Eternal Goddess and the others."

Aiel stammered, "You mean she entered the forbidden grounds, knowing very well that it was going to be a one way ticket for her?"

Asura nodded quietly as she looked at Alice, "All along, the Goddess Theocracy has surmised that the Goddess Ishtar is acting under the edict of one of the thirty three Heavenly Kings. But now I am not too sure anymore."

She glanced up at the gigantic floating citadel, "If the Celestial Fairy is a Divine Being then the immortal history that we have all known may not be the entire truth anymore."

Lingfeng, the Universal Old Man, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and all the others were all exchanging stunned looks.

Yi Ping asked, "The real immortal history can actually be rewritten?"

Alice smiled gently to Yi Ping, "The immortal history that we have all known is passed to us by the Jade Emperor and the thirty three Heavenly Kings. We are led to believe that it is the Great God Pangu that creates



the Three Known Realms...”

She looked at the Goddess of Mercy, “To the Arhat Practitioners, the Great God Fantian is the creator of the Three Known Realms...”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang muttered with a sudden realization, “This factional divide has existed since the dawn of time between the Immortals. But never once did the Jade Emperor and the Thirty Three Heavenly Kings dispute this.”

Alice nodded gently, “We are not the hasty emotional mortals. It is a little too early to draw upon any conclusions or it will impair our judgements. There is a need to ponder further.”

Yi Ping was looking woefully at the gigantic floating citadel, “No matter what it takes, I must find Xian’Er. She is there for sure. But why she looks like a different person now and don’t recognize her Ping’Er anymore...”

Lele and Lie Qing were also woeful as they looked at the gigantic floating citadel...

Lingfeng was also staring blankly at the floating citadel and at the oasis of swords in this place. It was because she had suddenly remembered seeing this place before. All of a sudden she had a spinning headache as a forgotten memory was stirred in her...

That was a long time ago...

She remembered she was standing naked in this oasis of swords a long time ago. She had asked, “Who am I? Where am I?”

A gentle voice had suddenly said to her, “You are the Heaveness. From now on, this will be your divine name. Your divine gifts will be the Great Emptiness Translucence and the Divine Invigorate Force. Soon you will pass from this boundary to the next.”

She asked again, “Who are you? Are you my creator?”

The gentle voice said, “I merely nurtured you. You are made of the purest essences that are in the Mortal Realm. That is where you will be going.”

She was startled and was afraid, “I don’t want to go anywhere. Take me with you...”

The gentle voice said, “Don’t be afraid. Your destiny as the Heaveness has only just started. As for my destiny, it has just ended. It is a place that you can’t go.”

She asked, “Where are you? I can’t see you...”

The gentle voice replied, “I am here but with your present attainment, you won’t be able to see me.”

She was disappointed and a little sad so she asked again, “So my name is the Heaveness but what is your name?”

The gentle voice did not reply as quickly this time but soon answered, “You won’t be able to remember my name after you pass through the boundary of creation but what does it matter if I tell you my name? You may call me the Great Goddess Fan...”

The gentle voice hesitated for a while before answering, “Fan...Tian...”

The Heaveness muttered, “Great Goddess Fantian...”

There was a bright light and everything had gone dark in the next instant!

Lingfeng woke up from her stupor and the next thing she had heard was Yi Ping’s voice as he said with a firm conviction to everyone, “We can’t possibly fly to that floating citadel but I am sure that this white pavement that is ahead of us will give us clues to get to the floating citadel above. Xian’Er, we are coming! You must wait for us! Let’s go...”

An earthshaking tremor had suddenly struck the entire vicinity, followed by nonstop shockwaves!

Yi Ping asked panicky as he steadied himself, “What is going on?”

All of a sudden, the gigantic floating citadel began to fade slowly and so did the landscape that was in front of him!

Everyone was stunned!

Alice immediately warned, "This entire place is a powerful illusional formation and it seems that it is vanishing soon! Stay where you are!"

Yi Ping was in shock as he called out panicky, "Xian'Er! Xian'Er!"

He tried to charge forward but no sooner had he taken a few steps, he was struck by millions of swords from the surrounding fields!

Even though the swords had passed harmlessly through him but the agonizing pain was no different from the real experience!

Alice, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and all the rest were shocked as they called after him, "Yi Ping, back off immediately!"

As Yi Ping collapsed onto his knees, he coughed a bout of blood.

At the same time, the earlier landscape had disappeared and it was replaced by imposing steep cliffs all around them!

There was no sight of the gigantic floating citadel everywhere...

Lingfeng, Lele, Lie Qing, Youxue, Yunzi, Yu'Er and Mei'Er panicky surrounded Yi Ping as they lifted him up anxiously, "Ping'Er, are you alright?"

Yi Ping was trembling and he was weeping, "Xian'Er! I am so useless! I can't even break the illusional formation!"

Lingfeng muttered, "Ping'Er, there is something I want to tell you..."

Isa said as she pointed at the black characters that were on the side of an imposing cliff that was near them, "We are on the forty-eight level of the Stellar Sanctuary now and is no longer in the X level..."

When Yi Ping had heard her, he was even more woeful as he clenched his fists. "Can someone please tell me how can I return to that earlier level..."

Alice looked at him before saying, "I know how."

Yi Ping was stunned as he quickly looked staggered to her, "Maiden Ziyen, please give me your guidance!"

Alice replied gently, "If I am not wrong then what we are seeing is just a

manifestation of the highest level of the Stellar Sanctuary. If we want to reach that floating citadel then we must continue to strive for the top.”

Yi Ping murmured blankly, “The top of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

All of a sudden his hope was renewed.

He vowed quietly, “Xian’Er, I know where you are now. I will surely free you. Wait for me please...”

He asked Alice, “If that place is the top of the Stellar Sanctuary, how is it that we are able to get there? And why is Xian’Er at that citadel?”

Alice shook her head, “I am sorry. I have no real answers now.”

Lele was cursing her softly, “It is all my fault. I shouldn’t have barged into that golden portal in the first place...”

Lie Qing tapped her lightly, “Sister, don’t be upset. You can’t predict it.”

Yi Ping embraced Lele and Lie Qing as he coughed weakly, “No, it is my fault! If Xian’Er is at the top of the Stellar Sanctuary then I will use whatever it takes to reach there.”

Lie Qing rubbed Yi Ping’s chest as she asked softly, “Are you alright? I got a great fright just now when all that swords went through you earlier. Luckily those are only illusions.”

Yi Ping muttered, “Qing’Er, I am alright...”

All of a sudden there was a minor shockwave as an explosion rocked the vicinity.

Yi Ping quickly composed himself, “There is a fight somewhere near us?”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Ye Yin and Yunzi had turned ashen immediately!

Yunzi quickly said, “I have no doubt that this is the sword energies shockwave of the Ley Negative Sword Energies. My protégé master, the Immortal Saint of Swords is in this vicinity!”

Yu’Er said panicky, “I can feel the Supreme Martial Force of my father the Lord Supreme. He is also in this vicinity. Ping’Er, can we take a look?”

Mei'Er was also pleading panicky, "Master Yi Ping, my father may needs our help..."

Yi Ping replied without hesitation, "Let's go!"

# Chapter 178: The Western Paradise

## Heavenly King

Yi Ping and his group arrived just in time to witness the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Lord Supreme, a dozen unknown practitioners and they were all fighting against an unknown old man at the same time!

Scattered on the ground were dozens of dead practitioners!

The fight had been fierce from the obvious wounds and injuries on them. Even though the unknown old man was fighting against fourteen fighters, it was obvious that he had the upper hand and was the verge of winning when Yi Ping and his group had barged into the scene!

And this unknown old man was fighting unarmed against everyone!

When Yi Ping saw that the unknown old man was fighting against the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords, he unsheathed his sword immediately and displayed several strokes against him. It was immediately followed by the rest of the group!

But no sooner had Yi Ping executed his sword strokes, he was knocked back by an invisible martial shockwave that sent him scurrying backward as he thought. "What is this martial shockwave..."

Yu'Er had intercepted the unknown old man. It was quickly followed by Mei'Er, Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin as they quickly surrounded the Lord Supreme. She greeted her father, "Yu'Er is late. Father, are you alright?"

The Lord Supreme smiled weakly as he coughed a bout of blood, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er, you are here too? How is it possible for you to reach this far? We are not his match. Leave me alone and quickly flee while you can!"

Mei'Er protested, "Father, I refuse!"

At the same time the twelve other practitioners had turned ashen when they caught sight of Alice, Asura and the Goddess of Mercy, "The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess of Mercy!"

Alice had recognized them as immortal practitioners; they were actually

consisted of two main groups of immortals, the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners. Among the Arhat Practitioners was a Skylord Jun, who was one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals.

Skylord Jun was startled to see the Goddess of Mercy who was also one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals with Alice, “You are with the Goddess Celestial Alice?...”

The reasons that they had turned ashen when they saw the Goddess Celestial Alice was because they had all sneaked into the Stellar Sanctuary on the sly. It was because the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Asura had repeatedly warned the immortal practitioners not to enter the Stellar Sanctuary!

In short, they were caught red-handed!

The Goddess of Mercy had also sneaked into the Stellar Sanctuary but why was she on the side of the Goddess Theocracy?

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang interrupted hastily, “I will explain later. Right now, we have a common foe!”

Alice said quietly to the immortal practitioners even as she appraised the unknown old man, “Let put all our enmities aside first.”

At the same time the Immortal Saint of Swords was startled to see Yunzi, “Yunzi, you are here too? You are supposed to be outside the Stellar Sanctuary. Why are you here?”

Yunzi smiled weakly, “My respects to protégé master. I will explain later. You are alright?”

The Immortal Saint of Swords quickly exercised his internal strength to cough out the bad blood as he smiled to Yunzi, “I...am alright...Yunzi, this old man is not an ordinary opponent that we can tackle alone. You... should go as far as possible!”

Yunzi asked hastily while looking at the unknown old man, “Who is he?”

The Immortal Saint of Swords steadied himself with his sword, “No

idea!”

Yunzi was slightly afraid. It was because she could sense that this unknown old man was actually one of the Heavenly Kings. It was because judging from the sword energies remnants that were in the surroundings, she could tell that the Immortal Saint of Swords had already executed his most powerful sword technique, the Inverting Eternal Occurrence and he had actually survived unscathed!

Therefore if he was not a Heavenly King then who was he?

The unknown old man had quickly scurried tens of step back as his eyes beamed with delight. It was because he was looking covetously at the sight of so many divine weapons flashing in front of him and at the sight of so many heavenly maidens!

The unknown old man laughed jovially, “What have we here? Alice, Isa, Aiel, Asura, Xiang, you are all here.”

Aiel was startled, “You know me?”

The unknown old man laughed jovially, “Of course I know you, Aiel. I know all the goddesses of the Immortal realm. You are all handpicked by me to be the goddesses of the Immortal Realm!”

Aiel turned pale as she stammered, “Then you are...”

She immediately looked at Alice and Isa, who nodded at her.

Yi Ping had stepped in front of Aiel as he said coolly to the unknown old man, “Old Senior, who are you?”

The unknown old man looked at Yi Ping with a slight amusement, “You don’t know who I am?”

Yi Ping asked as his expression darkened, “You haven’t say who you are so how would I know your name?”

The unknown old man appraised this young looking man with interest. It was because he had already noticed that this young man’s martial skills were indeed profound from their brief exchanges. He was the reason why he had scurried backward all of a sudden.



There were seventeen newly arrivals and he had indeed actually recognized quite a few of them. He had noticed that they were all standing at an arm's length from each other as they displayed a defensive stance. This natural positioning indicated that that they had already reached an amicable understanding in previous group battles. While it was not a formation yet but it was nearly so!

This caused him to be taken by surprise by their formidability and caused him to appraise these newly arrivals anew!

The unknown old man laughed jovially, "If you are trying to provoke me then you are wasting your time. As to who I am, why don't you ask my dear Alice here?"

Alice answered coldly, "Who is your dear Alice?"

Yi Ping was a little jealous when he had heard the unknown old man calling Alice in such an intimate term so he quickly asked, "Ziyan, who is he?"

Alice said quietly, "He is Lord Judas of the Western Paradise, the Western Paradise Heavenly King. Yi Ping, don't fall for his wily tricks. He is extremely fond of messing up with people. He is a close aide to the Jade Emperor and if you think that the Dark Primordial and Great Ascetic Heavenly Kings are formidable, he is even more so!"

Yi Ping had already guessed that this unknown old man was a Heavenly King. Other than a Heavenly King, none was able to fight against so many super exponents at the same time and still remained unscathed!

If Alice had not warn him that this Western Paradise Heavenly King was even more dangerous than the Dark Primordial and Great Ascetic Heavenly King, he would never have guessed. It was because unlike the Dark Primordial and Great Ascetic Heavenly King who had a terrifying presence, this Western Paradise Heavenly King did not emanate any formidable presence.

It was precisely because of this now that Yi Ping was even more concerned. It was because experts that could conceal their auras were actually the most feared!

Lord Judas laughed merrily, “My dear Goddess Celestial Alice, the most heavenly of the goddesses! You have forgotten about me so fast? How long have it been? Are you missing me? You aren’t like this when you are sleeping on my lap the last time!”

Yi Ping said coldly to Lord Judas, “I am Yi Ping. Why are you being so shameless? Ziyen...Alice will never sleep on your lap!”

Lord Judas stared at Yi Ping maliciously as he laughed coldly, “Rascal, why don’t you ask my dear Alice yourself?”

Yi Ping stole a glance at Alice but she immediately averted him. He muttered, “It is true...”

Lord Judas laughed, “Now you believe? Not only Alice, but Isa, Asura and Gusu Xiang as well!”

Isa, Asura and Xiang immediately lowered their glances!

Yi Ping was speechless!

Alice immediately said, “Lord Judas, why are you here? We have all thought that you are no longer around. Why are you bullying your juniors?”

Lord Judas hummed coldly, “So Alice, you didn’t even want to pay your respects to me anymore? How the times have change now! But how can you say that I am bullying them? They are many while I am only one. Moreover...”

He pointed to the Immortal Saint of Swords, “...moreover, this junior has the tenacity to injure me. If I don’t make him pay, then I am unfit to be called the Western Paradise Heavenly King!”

The Immortal Saint of Swords smiled bitterly. It was because despite his best effort, he was only scratching this Western Paradise Heavenly King!

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were secretly looking at each other. It was because many of these practitioners were leagues above them and if their secret guess was correct, then they must be immortal practitioners!

And this Western Paradise Heavenly King must be a really eminent immortal practitioner. It was because they had noticed that even the Goddess Celestial Alice seemed to be dreading him!

They were puzzled that there would be so many immortal practitioners around but at the same time they were also excited. It was because they had been seeking the elusive immortal practice all their lives...

Alice said coldly to the Western Paradise Heavenly King, "But you don't look the least injured to me."

Lord Judas immediately smiled, "You must know that I am aching and painful all over."

He immediately rolled up his sleeves, "If you don't believe me then why don't you examine me?"

Alice smiled bitterly, "I am not so foolish to get near to you!"

Lord Judas protested innocently, "If you don't examine me then how do you know that I am not in pain or injured?"

Alice refused to answer him!

Lord Judas patted the side of his head as he looked at everyone, "Don't tell me that the whole lot of you are going to gang up on me?"

He proceeded to pat his chest, "Alas my poor heart! Today you are going to depart from my body! I am doomed!"

Alice smiled bitterly at his act before she said coldly, "If you don't want us to gang up against you and if you don't want your heart to leave your body, why don't you depart from here instead?"

Lord Judas laughed, "Yes, why didn't I think of that?"

Skylord Jun smiled bitterly, "Yes, why don't you leave? We promise we won't pursue you."

Lord Judas laughed merrily all of a sudden, "No way!"

Skylord Jun smiled bitterly...

Alice said coolly, “We have more than thirty here. You really think that you can fight us all at the same time?”

Lord Judas laughed, “Dearest Alice, you think that I am a bad guy?”

Alice smiled weakly, “You are not?”

Lord Judas shouted spiritedly, “Of course I am not. You can ask them!”

He started to point at Skylord Jun, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and the rest of the immortal practitioners, “They are killing each other when I have arrived. If I have not intervened in time, they would all have killed each other!”

Alice stared at Lord Judas and the rest of the immortal practitioners. It was obvious that the Zen Practitioners and Arhat Practitioners would natural come to blows, especially in a place like the Stellar Sanctuary.

They had all kept quiet and were lowering their glances in guilt. From their expressions, she knew that Lord Judas was not lying.

She sighed softly as she said to Lord Judas, “So what if they are fighting? You can choose not to intervene and go along your way.”

Lord Judas appeared to be indignant, “If I close an eye to it then I am not a hero!”

Alice said coldly, “Unfortunately when you have intervened, none will survive whatever so!”

Lord Judas laughed maddening, “Since they didn’t behave themselves, what does it matter if I end their lives?”

Skylord Jun, the Immortal Saint of Swords, Lord Supreme and all the other immortal practitioners turned ashen when he laughed. It was because his laughter seemed to have an invisible grabbling hold on them!

Yi Ping said coldly, “Isn’t that a little too inhumane?”

Lord Judas looked at him coldly, “You want to fight me? If you want to be a hero then you must be prepare to pay the price for a hero. You must know that there are some that you cannot afford to offend even if you are a hero and I am one of them.”

Yi Ping replied quietly, "You may be powerful alone but I doubt that you are able to deal with all of us alone!"

Alice nodded, "Even if you are a Heavenly King, you won't be able to escape unscathed!"

Lord Judas laughed as he stared at them, "If I fight headlong with you then I may not be able to win but what if I just kill the weak ones among you?"

At that everyone turned pale!

Yi Ping immediately said as he took a step forward, "Then don't blame me as well!"

Lord Judas looked at this Yi Ping. It was a little pity to kill him because he was emanating an air of righteousness that was rarely seen or else he would have already skewered him outright!

So he said rudely, "Young fellow. You are getting on my good patience. Don't think that you have a divine sword in your hand, you think you are fit to talk to me. This is your last chance. Get my dear Alice to talk to me. Do you know how ancient I am in the Immortal Realm? You are just a puny celestial. Let me ask you, how many years did you spend before you ascend to the Celestial Realm? And how many years have you been in the Celestial Realm?"

Yi Ping stammered, "I..."

Lord Judas was secretly smiling. It was because the first generation immortals were the oldest of all creations and incredible ancient. A celestial was just like an infant in front of him!

Alice knew that Lord Judas was trying to mock Yi Ping so she said gently to Yi Ping, "You don't have to answer him. He is really a mean fellow. We are many and need not be afraid of him. He should be the one that is afraid of us instead!"

Lord Judas laughed, "I am afraid of you? If I am afraid, why don't all of you give it a try now..."

Yi Ping said, "Senior! I know that I am just a junior and have only just embarked as an immortal practitioner and my cultivation isn't as profound as you. I have only practiced for three years before I have ascended to the Celestial Realm and have been in the Celestial Realm for only a year."

All of a sudden Lord Judas froze on the spot as he stared at Yi Ping, "What did you say? You only take four years to become an immortal practitioner? You are an immortal practitioner now?!"

Yi Ping said firmly, "That is right!"

Immediately the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Lord Supreme, the other immortals and even Isa, Xiang, Aiel, Han Lin and many others who had only recently been acquainted with him in the Celestial Realm were all looking at him with stunned silence!

Four years were an extremely short time!

The Immortal Saint of Swords looked at Yunzi, who nodded to him before she said. "That is right. We have all attained as immortal practitioners now."

The Lord Supreme asked Yu'Er and Mei'Er hastily, "My daughters, you have found the Immortal Practice?"

Yu'Er shook her head, "But we have an accident encounter. Father, we will explain to you later."

Mei'Er nodded gently as she looked at Lord Judas, "The most important thing at hand is to deal with him first."

Lord Judas roared aloud, "Alice! Is that true?"

Alice nodded gently. It was because she had remembered that Yi Ping and most of his group were not even golden celestials when they had entered the Astronomic Stellar Formation...

Yi Ping said, "Will Senior please leave?"

Lord Judas was trembling as he stared at Yi Ping. This time he began to appraise this group seriously. All of a sudden he had noticed that the

divine sword that was in Lie Qing's hand was the Eternal Light. And when he had noticed the Eternal Light, he had also noticed the Blessed Heaven Divine Sword that was in Ye Yin's hand!

He smiled weakly as he pointed at Lie Qing and Ye Yin, "Who is the Martial Emperor Heavenly King and the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King to you?"

Lie Qing and Ye Yin refused to answer him!

Lord Judas growled angrily, "Very good! I have been away for a long time and now everyone seems to have forgotten how they ought to be respectful to the Heavenly Kings!"

He tilted backward but all of a sudden he was upon Lie Qing in the next instant!

Lie Qing hastily displayed the Invincible Divine Force to meet his challenge!

There was a thunderous martial shockwave when Lord Judas and Lie Qing had exchanged a blow!

Just before Lie Qing was knocked back, she had displayed the Slashing Crucifixion, the second technique of the Flawless Sword Energy Techniques as multiple sword energies struck Lord Judas!

At the same time Shen Xingyue had also struck a quick slash at Lord Judas!

Lord Judas was startled as he stared blankly at Lie Qing, "The Invincible Divine Force! The Flawless Sword Energies Techniques! Maiden, who are you..."

But before he could compose himself, Yi Ping was already on him with the two Celestial Alices, followed by Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Alice and Isa!

Lie Qing coughed softly and there was blood on the tip of her lip as she thought, "I have already mustered up my Invisible Divine Force to the tenth invincible level but yet I cannot even handle a single blow from him..."

Lele called out panicky to her, "Sister Qing'Er, are you alright?"

Lie Qing replied softly, "Lele, he is a dangerous foe. You must exercise full caution..."

In the meantime, the rest was startled that Yi Ping could actually cause this Western Paradise Heavenly King to be beaten off and they were now engaging furiously as they scurried to the edge of the imposing cliffs!

In a blink of an eye, they had exchanged dozens of blows!

Lingfeng the Heaviness was about to join the fray when Asura stopped her sternly, "Everyone stay back! More doesn't mean better. Moreover he is luring them to the side of the cliff where he could maximum his advantage. If you go there now, you will only be hindering them. So watch first."

She nodded reluctantly. It was because she knew that the Goddess Asura was right. This Western Paradise Heavenly King could fight the Lord Supreme and the rest without faltering. His martial skills must indeed be formidable. If she wanted to help Yi Ping then she must observe his strokes for possible weakness!

The Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and many of the injured immortals made use of this short breather to recuperate as much of their strength as possible while several of the immortals had make use of this distraction to get away!

Skylord Jun quickly said the Goddess Asura, "The Arhat Practitioners have nothing to do with the Zen Practitioners. As you can see, this is not a good time to talk."

And he quickly disappeared!

He was quickly followed by the rest of the immortals who had all departed in a different direction!

Youxue said coldly, "And they did not even say a thank you and now we have to clear their mess!"

Yunzi smiled weakly as she continued to watch the fights!



The Goddess Asura was slightly relieved that the immortals had left on the sly. It was because she was wary of their intentions and had remained behind. But because they were gone now, she was now free to join in the fight against the Western Paradise Heavenly King!

She smiled at Youxue and the rest, "I don't mind them. These immortals are also wary of the Goddess Theocracy. And if it wasn't for the sudden appearance of the Heavenly kings in the Stellar Sanctuary, I would have gone after them without a second thought too."

She paused for a while before saying, "Wait here!"

She had joined the battle with Yi Ping!

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of the Swords waited until the Goddess Asura had left before they asked at the same time, "They are all true immortals?!"

Yu'E, Mei'Er, Yunzi, Lele, Lingfeng and Youxue nodded...

Suddenly they were interrupted by earthshaking shockwaves as Yi Ping and the Western Paradise Heavenly King slammed into the cliff at the same time!

Lord Judas was stunned by Yi Ping's martial strength and his ability to hold his ground against him!

In ten blinks of an eye, they had exchanged more than two hundred strokes before Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Alice, Isa and Xiang had once again joined hands against him.

Because Yi Ping was like an impassable barrier that was always in front of him, this gave Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue, Alice, Isa and Xiang plenty of chances to be more on the offensive. After Asura had joined in against him, he found himself more on the defensive.

He was so startled that he asked, "What swordplay is that?"

It was because he had never seen a swordplay that could flawlessly defend and attack at the same time. Moreover, he had the advantage of being unarmed and he could have easily dealt Yi Ping a blow but he had

not!

It was the same theory as a spear versus a sword. While the spear had a longer reach, it was useless against a sword at point blank!

Yi Ping had the advantage of a first strike but that did not mean he had an advantage against an experienced unarmed fighter. Moreover, ambidextrous wielding was even more difficult to use and required room for maneuvers!

Yi Ping did not reply as he blocked the blows of the Western Paradise Heavenly King and unleashed dozens of whirling sword strokes against his opponent while shouting, “Asper Continuous! Heavens Forward Stance! Heavens Encompassing Stroke!”

But these were not the only things that Lord Judas was startled with. He had used his fingers to tap the sides of Yi Ping’s swords and was astonished to feel the emanating martial force of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force but at the same time he could also feel mini shockwaves of the Pangu Intricate Energy!

He was so hopping mad that he gave a great martial loud that was so earthshaking that Yi Ping, Alice, Isa, Asura, Ye Yin, Shen Xingyue and Xiang were all thrown off balance!

In that blink of an eye, Lord Judas had turned completely golden and there were nine bursts of hovering golden wisps around him!

Lie Qing was so startled that she gasped with surprise, “The Invincible Divine Force! He actually knows the Invincible Divine Force! His Invincible Divine Force is golden in color?”

Lord Judas had clearly heard her even though they were quite a considerable distance away, “Yes, indeed this is the Invincible Divine Force!”

Immediately an imposing suffocating presence could be felt in the entire vicinity!

Alice coughed out weakly, “Yi Ping! Everyone! Be on our alert. He is fighting for real now!”

Yi Ping broke into cold sweat. He had already been fighting with all his strength and both his arms were trembling and Alice was warning them that Lord Judas was only now fighting for real...

He murmured softly, "He is not fighting for real earlier?"

Lord Judas laughed and all of a sudden, a light slammed down from the Heavens and there was a golden rod in his hand, "My precious Golden Rod of the Divine Pillar, how long has it been since I have last used you in my battles?"

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Lord Judas laughed jovially as he picked up his golden rod with great dexterity before tapping it gently on the ground.

Although it was just a gentle tap but several ringing reverberations could be felt by everyone. This spoke volumes of the internal strength of this Lord Judas!

Yi Ping had a flinch on his expression as he thought anxiously, "So this is his true martial level? Just how powerful is he?"

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang had raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror and aimed a beam of light at Lord Judas, "Yi Ping, look carefully!"

Her light ray was instantly dissipated by the shimmering golden orbs that were around Lord Judas!

Lord Judas growled softly to Xiang, "You know it won't work against my Invincible Divine Force..."

Xiang replied as she stole a solemn glance at Yi Ping, "I know that energy techniques are completely useless against you. But I am trying to warn the rest of my group!"

Lord Judas answered unhappily, "Xiang, you should be on my side..."

Yi Ping was startled!

He had expected that her light ray would implode on Lord Judas but instead, it had dissipated simply just like this. He knew that Xiang's Heavens Sundering Ray was as dangerous as deadly as the sword energies...

The Immortal Saint of Swords was staring in disbelief and he was muttering, "He is a monster. So that is why he was able to avert my Inverting Eternal Occurrence..."

Lie Qing was muttering, "He knows the Invincible Divine Force...he knows the Invincible Divine Force..."

Yunzi said coldly, "He is really a monster. Not only is it impossible to

use energy techniques on him, I doubt that even my flying sword will be able to penetrate his Invincible Divine Force...”

Youxue nodded, “And he is still being protected by his martial golden body. It may be a daunting task but is not impossible. We just need to find his weakness.”

Lingfeng smiled bitterly as she glanced at the shimmering golden form of Lord Judas, “By the time we have found his weakness, we will be dead!”

Meanwhile Lord Judas was laughing and his laughter reverberated loudly throughout the vicinity, “So are you afraid now? Do you all really think that wolf pack tactics really work against me? Alice, what do you think?”

Alice had raised her divine sword and six of the orbs on her sword were now glowing, “Sixth Seal! Lord Judas, surely you know the true power of my Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword. When the seventh seal of my divine sword is unseal, even if you have the protection of your Invincible Divine Force you won’t be able to escape unscathed!”

Lord Judas laughed, “Dearest Alice, are you threatening me? The seventh seal may be powerful but do you think you can seriously stop me or protect these people?”

Alice hummed coldly as her Heaven Eyes turn golden and her forehead had a burning golden radiance, “I can try!”

At the same time the forehead that was on Yi Ping was also burning with a golden radiance as he said quietly, “I can try too!”

Asura giggled softly as she raised her Symphony of Destiny and her forehead too had a golden radiance, “So this is the Seventh Cosmos Positioning! I feel an elevated advancement in all my martial levels.”

Alice smiled gently to Asura before she turned to Lord Judas, “How about three practitioners that are attained to the immortal rank seven versus your immortal rank six? Our Seventh Cosmos Positioning is one notch higher than your Greater Cosmos Positioning.”

All of a sudden the expressions on Lord Judas dropped as he gasped,

“The mythical Seventh Cosmos Positioning! The three of you have actually attained to this level? This is impossible!”

Alice remarked coolly, “But it is exactly as you have seen now and not a bluff. So what do you think of our chances now?”

Lord Judas laughed as he stared at Yi Ping, Alice, Asura, Xiang, Isa, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue, “It still doesn’t change a thing. I am a supreme immortal practitioner. So what if you have attained to the Seventh Cosmos Positioning? Your martial strength may not exceed me but...”

He paused for a while.

Alice asked, “But what?”

Lord Judas laughed as he pointed at Yi Ping, “But for this fellow here, he is something else!”

Alice hummed coldly, “It is so unlike you to praise the martial level of another person.”

Lord Judas laughed heartily as he slammed his golden rod on the ground with a startling shockwave, “Now I am beginning to see why so many of my heavenly goddesses are dogging this fellow...”

Isa interrupted coldly, “Mind your language! And who is your heavenly goddess!”

Asura and Xiang hummed equally coldly!

Lord Judas laughed it off as he looked at Yi Ping, “How about a duel? If you lose to me then you have to acknowledge me as your protégé master. But if I lose to you then I will acknowledge you as the Great God. What do you say?”

Alice gasped, “You know?”

Lord Judas grinned, “I am not as muddle headed as the other Heavenly Kings. Even though the Essential Righteous Energy is hidden within your Martial Emperor Unifying Force, I have no doubt that is the real Pangu Intricate Energy. That is interesting, am I right? That the true Great God has already appeared before the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary has

been reached. I have divined that I may have a chance encounter with the Great God on this trip and I think you are him.”

Alice hummed coldly, “Since the Great God is standing in front of you, why don’t you pay your most humble veneration to him now?”

Lord Judas laughed, “Not yet. I have to test the extent of his martial level further. If he dies then he is not a Great God!”

Alice said coldly, “No one ever says a Great God can’t die.”

Lord Judas laughed thunderously before he asked Yi Ping coldly, “So, do you have the courage to accept my challenge?”

Alice quickly said, “Yi Ping no!”

Shen Xingyue and Ye Yin said at the same time, “Don’t accept the challenge!”

Isa was also pleading, “Don’t fall into his trap. We can take him out together.”

Lord Judas hummed coldly, “Dearest Isa, you are overestimating yourself. It seems that you have not grown wiser over the years. You ought to look into things in another perspective.”

Yi Ping looked at all the other maidens that were next to him. He noticed that only Asura had kept quiet so he asked, “Asura, what do you think?”

Asura was startled but she quickly said, “I...I am not sure.”

Yi Ping could sense that something was troubling her via his Great Emptiness Translucence. As he was hesitating if he should accept the challenge, he thought that it may be a good idea to ask a little more.

He asked again, “Asura?”

Asura said quietly as she looked at Lord Judas’ formidable aura, “The Jade Emperor once said to me that there are two aides that he can truly trust. They are the Western Paradise Heavenly King and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King.”

Isa smiled weakly, "The problem is, we don't know if we can even trust the Jade Emperor himself!"

Asura said quietly, "I trust the...Jade Emperor..."

Other than her, no one else of the relationship between the Jade Emperor and her sister...

Xiang looked at her with disbelief, "You trust him? He is the one that betray the Immortal Realm first and indirectly cause the First Immortal War to start!"

Yi Ping said coolly to Lord Judas, "I accept the challenge!"

He turned to look at the rest, "I hope that the rest of you will not intervene until it is over. This is my wish."

Alice nodded, "Go then!"

Isa gasped, "Not you too, Alice!"

Asura said coolly, "Let's wait and see, alright?"

Shen Xingyue almost fainted as she called out, "Ping'Er!"

Ye Yin turned ashen immediately!

Yi Ping replied, "Together, we may not be able to defeat him. But if I take him alone, I may be able to wear him down first. That will increase our winning chance overall."

Xiang said woefully, "So you are planning to sacrifice yourself for all of us?"

Lord Judas looked a little amused, "Perhaps you should keep your plans to yourself."

Yi Ping had already stepped forward and the two of them were encircling already each other, "No need!"

Lord Judas laughed, "No need?"

Yi Ping replied coolly as he readied his sword stance, "Because you are the one that offer to challenge me, not the other way round. Actually I should be the one that be the one that asks you why."



Lord Judas laughed, "I am too boorish and I don't wish to hurt the others. But don't worry, I will take care of them on your behalf!"

All of a sudden Yi Ping had crossed his swords together with three bursts of martial shockwave as he mustered the Asper Divinity, "This is my most powerful martial technique the Asper Divinity!"

In the next instant Yi Ping had slammed into the Lord Judas with a thunderous impact as they exchanged dozens of blows in successive blinks of an eye!

Yi Ping had combined his Asper Divinity together with the Asper Continuum as he displayed intricate strokes one after another and this was accompanied by the Heavens Encompassing Stroke and the Ultrapowerful Force!

The entire vicinity exploded thunderously with their martial shockwaves as swords and rod impacted furiously together!

So powerful were their clashes that the entire ground in the vicinity began to sink and exploded in an outward direction!

Lord Judas shouted aloud, "Good! So that is your true strength!"

Yi Ping could feel the startling martial force of Lord Judas as they clashed together and he could feel like he was striking an impassable barrier!

Lord Judas shouted, "Good, you are still able to hold against me! So what about this?"

All of a sudden he swung his golden rod forward as he displayed dozens of attacks in the next instant, "This is my Shadowless Mirage Divine Attack!"

Yi Ping was startled as he took a hasty step backward and steadied himself with the Martial Emperor Unifying Force. He clasped the two Celestial Alices even tighter as he gave a thunderous martial shout!

Immediately the two Celestial Alices were beaming with two golden globe of light as Yi Ping displayed the sanctorum powers of his divine

sword!

Immediately, the number of attacks that Yi Ping was executing had doubled!

There were dozens of bright sparks as swords and rods clashed nonstop, sending rippling shockwaves to erupt and exploding the ground with the might of their martial power in all directions!

Yi Ping coughed out blood as he was struck by the martial shockwaves. If he was not for the protection of his Essential Righteous Energy and his profound martial strength, he would have been killed by the titanic shockwaves that had taken place!

Another reason was that his martial strength had also increased when he had used the two Celestial Alices at the Ancient Swords Pool.

Lord Judas on the other was not affected by the martial shockwaves as he was being protected by the Invincible Divine Force and his Golden Invincible Body but he was equally startled that Yi Ping was able to withstand his Shadowless Mirage Divine Attack. It was because once his Shadowless Mirage Divine Attack was used; even if it were the other Heavenly Kings, they would find it difficult to withstand it!

He grinned, "It is wiser to avert my direct attacks..."

Yi Ping replied weakly as they exchanged more than one hundred strokes, "Your Invincible Divine Force may be powerful but it drains your martial power and this technique of yours, will also drains your martial power even more. If I can endure to the very last then I have a chance to break your Invincible Divine Force!"

Lord Judas hummed coldly as martial shockwaves exploded thunderous around him as he pressed forward with the Shadowless Mirage Divine Attack once more, "I have plenty of martial power but I can't say the same for you!"

All of a sudden Lord Judas had broken through the defenses of Yi Ping's perfect swordplay and had struck him three times with a thunderous impact that sent him slamming onto the side of the cliff!

Yi Ping immediately coughed out blood as he leaned against the cliff. But before he could regain his reflexes, Lord Judas was already upon him as he had raised his golden rod with a shimmering golden ray of light!

Yi Ping tried to raise his divine swords again but he was alarmed that his response had suddenly become slowed!

There was a furious thunderous impact as the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Asura had intercepted Lord Judas but they were quickly swept aside by his sheer martial strength after exchanging a few strokes!

Alice was startled as she thought, "Even with my Seventh Cosmos Positioning, I am still unable to match his martial strength..."

Lord Judas roared thunderously and his eyes were raging, "The duel has not ended yet! How dare you intervene in my fight!"

Shen Xingyue had appeared behind his back and was able to slash him with her Blue Heavens when she was struck by Lord Judas' golden rod at her side, which immediately flung her aside!

She was immediately followed by Isa and Xiang!

Ye Yin was able to evade the strikes of the Lord Judas as she struck the golden spheres with her Blessed Heavens with an explosive impact before she was knocked aside!

In a blink of an eye, Lord Judas had virtually swept Alice, Asura, Isa, Xiang, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue effortless aside!

Yi Ping gasped out, "Wait, don't hurt them!"

Lord Judas hummed coldly as he slammed his golden rod on the ground with an earthshaking impact, "That is not my intention to hurt them. It seems that you have already lost to me so can you be my protégé disciple now?"

At this moment, Alice, Isa, Xiang, Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue had already got up weakly and they were looking at each other quietly; it was because they had all noticed that this Lord Judas had only used his rod to strike them on the side instead of jabbing directly at them or else they would

have been seriously hurt!

This Lord Judas was now standing very close to Yi Ping but he had made no move. If he wanted to harm Yi Ping, surely he would have made a move to get his heart now?

But what was he waiting for?

They knew that this Lord Judas was just a single step from awakening his Seventh Cosmos Positioning and he could even become the next Great God when he had consumed Yi Ping's heart but instead he was asking Yi Ping if he wanted to become his protégé disciple?

Lingfeng, Yunzi, Youxue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lie Qing, Lele, Aiel, Han Lin, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords had all turned ashen and they did not know what to do. It was because they knew that Yi Ping would be dead in the next instant if the Lord Judas made another move!

Yi Ping was staring at this Lord Judas as he thought, "I have thought that I may be a match for a Heavenly King. But despite my best efforts, I can't even scratch him..."

He smiled weakly, "Unfortunately, I have already got a protégé master and it is not possible for me to acknowledge you as a protégé master..."

Lord Judas said coolly, "But you have lost the duel. Are you thinking of backing out of your promise?"

Yi Ping kept quiet. While he had certainly made no such promise but it was true that he had lost the duel. He was not an unhonorable man that would twist or renegade upon a promise or agreement.

But he said quietly as he raised his divine swords with trembling hands again, "I have not yet completely lost."

Lord Judas said coldly, "So you are thinking of continuing the fight? I may not be so merciful with you again."

Yi Ping rubbed his nose with the back of his hand, "I think I may be able to break your invincibility!"

Lord Judas laughed jovially, "What a great boast. If I don't allow you to try then won't I be considered a little petty?"

He jumped three bold steps to the back as he lifted his golden rod, "I shall give you the benefit of ten strokes. Afterwards I will retaliate."

Shen Xingyue whispered, "Ping'Er, be careful!"

Yi Ping nodded at her and the rest of the maidens who were all watching anxiously.

Lingfeng was looking at Yunzi as she whispered nervously, "I am afraid that Yi Ping has already exhausted all his attack strokes. If he just going to commit suicide then even if he becomes a ghost, I will never forgive him!"

Yunzi muttered, "Sister Lingfeng, don't worry..."

Youxue said quietly, "If he did not have that golden rod in his hands then Yi Ping certainly stand a chance to break his Invincible Divine Force. But he is too skillful handling with it and moreover that golden rod is a sanctorum manifest immortal weapon too..."

Lie Qing was muttering, "He is toying with everyone. His ninth level Invincible Divine Force is actually stronger than my eleventh level Invincible Divine Force..."

In the meantime Yi Ping was looking at Alice and Asura, "I know what you are thinking. Give it up."

Alice and Asura lowered their glances.

He also looked at Lele who had made several sly moves as he halted her with a glance.

It was because they had secretly scrutinized the earlier battle and had already found a good opportunity to strike. While Yi Ping may not be Lord Judas's match but he was still capable of holding him off for a while. That was when they could all strike together and to press ahead with their offensives. Because they did not need to defend against Lord Judas, they would be able to muster all their martial strength and together, they

may still stand a winning chance!

But Yi Ping was now discreetly warning them off!

Lele cursed softly, “Dense Yi Ping! Honor does not buy you anything if you are a dead hero!”

Even though her cursing was almost incoherently and she was still standing quite a considerable distance from Yi Ping, he was able to overhear her!

Yi Ping muttered weakly, “Lele, there are certain things that we must adhere to. Or else we are no different from them! If Xian’Er is here, she will surely be able to understand me!”

He had immediately displayed a sword stance and had imbued his divine swords with the sword energies of the Flawless Energies Techniques!

The Fatal Masterstroke stance!

Lord Judas laughed when he saw the sword stance that Yi Ping was displaying, “Don’t say that I didn’t warn you first. The sword energies techniques of the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King are hardly of any use against my Invincible Divine Force.”

Yi Ping replied quietly, “This is indeed the Fatal Masterstroke stance of the Flawless Swordplay.”

Lord Judas laughed, “Ten strokes! Remember I will only give you ten strokes! I like to see how good you are in using the sword techniques of the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King!”

Yi Ping closed his eyes as he said, “The intricate sword energy formula of the Exalting Obliteration...the dematerialization and materialized of the universal force, the gathering of visualization from the surroundings... I have finally understood it...”

Lord Judas looked at him curiously, “You are mastered the Exalting Obliteration?”

The Exalting Obliteration was the third secret sword technique of the

Flawless Sword Energies Techniques and it was both a sword energies technique as well as a sword energies imbued sword technique!

Yi Ping opened his eyes again, "I am afraid that I am still far from it but the intricate formula of the Exalting Obliteration has aided me to understand the intricate principle of another sword technique..."

Everyone was bewildered.

Another sword technique?

When did Yi Ping pick up another sword technique?

All of a sudden the air around Yi Ping began to sink heavily with the emanating of sword energies!

There seemed to be an invisible saturated wall that was in front of Yi Ping all of a sudden.

Lord Judas was startled for he had never witnessed such a sword technique before!

Even Alice, Isa, Asura, Xiang and Aiel were startled; it was because they had never seen such a sword energies display before!

Lord Judas' fingers began to twitch lightly as he murmured, "Is this a sword formation? You can actually initiate a sword energies formation without preparation?"

Almost without a doubt, all the formidable Defense and Attack Formations required divine swords or heavenly relics to prepare. The more powerful a Defense or Attack Formation was, the longer was the preparation time!

The problem with such formations was that no opponents would walk into it on their own accord!

Lingfeng was astonished, "Why did he learn a celestial sword formation?"

Lord Judas angrily said, "Hey, wait! I didn't say I am giving you ten strokes for you to prepare a sword formation on the spot!"

Alice interrupted coldly, “Are you backing off now? If yes, why don’t you pay your obedience to the Great God now?”

Before Lord Judas could say a word of protest, there were now two more divine swords that were hovering around Yi Ping. These two divine swords were formed from the two heavenly relics that were with Yi Ping!

Just as Lord Judas was startled by this sight, the two hovering divine swords had become eight hovering white swords!

He stammered in disbelief, “What kind of sword technique is this!”

Yi Ping began to recall the scene when he was pieced by millions of swords. That piercing experience was so real that he could still remember the pain. Because of that and by combining it with the intricate formula of the Exalting Obliteration, he was now able to create a new sword technique!

He replied firmly, “This is the Thousand Memories Swords!”

As he gasped the Celestial Alice to charge forward, the eight hovering white swords flew ahead of him!

Lord Judas was startled by the speed of the flying swords as he parried with his golden rod. Upon contact with the first flying sword, there was a thunderous explosion violently!

The next thing that Lord Judas knew was that the white sword had completely disappeared!

Before he could regain his composure, the second and third white sword had exploded thunderous over him when he used his golden rod to block it!

The fourth white sword seemingly went past his golden rod and struck his Invincible Divine Force with another thunderous impact!

Lord Judas was startled as he thought, “This fourth sword is different from the rest and it actually go past my golden rod. These swords are all quasi real?”

Yi Ping was now upon him in the next instant as he slashed furiously at



Lord Judas, displaying dozens of golden strokes in a blink of an eye!

As Lord Judas raised his golden rod to defend himself, he was startled to see eight of the hovering white swords around him at poising for a strike again!

He was so startled, "What the hell...eight swords again..."

All of a sudden those eight hovering swords flashed at him and exploded thunderous again!

There were several outburst of martial force as Yi Ping exploited the opening as he slashed more than two dozen times consecutively at Lord Judas! There was a huge thunderous outburst each time when Yi Ping had dissipated one of the golden energy wisps and he was bloodied by the martial shockwave but still he had continued his attacks relentlessly!

Lord Judas immediately raised his golden rod to display his Shadowless Mirage Divine Attack while Yi Ping had mustered the Martial Emperor Unifying Force as they began to strike each other relentlessly, stroke for stroke and blow for blow without any consequences!

Everyone was startled and found themselves unable to watch anymore!

Lord Judas blurted out after he had struck Yi Ping more than thirty times, "Crap! Why don't you fall...are you even human..."

Yi Ping had struck his side with a mighty display of the Ultrapowerful Force that pierced through his Invincible Divine Force and had struck Lord Judas' golden armor with a shattering aftershock, "Why don't you fall too..."

By the time Yi Ping had burst the sixth golden energy wisps, he was so bloodied that he began to stagger backward!

Lord Judas hastily swung his golden rod as he retaliated with the Divine Iron Pillar technique that sent Yi Ping flying backward with a thunderous burst of martial explosion!

He was also walking wobbly as he fell onto the ground breathlessly!

Alice and Shen Xingyue had immediately caught hold of Yi Ping as they

panicky called out to him, "Yi Ping!"

Yi Ping fell into their embrace as he murmured weakly, "I am sorry...I didn't...win...I hope that I have weakened him sufficient enough..."

Shen Xingyue wept, "No, you have done well. You can't see it now but you have already defeated him. He is now on the ground!"

Alice was also beaming with tears, "That is right. Leave the rest to us!"

Yi Ping muttered incoherently before he lost his consciousness, "Good..."

Shen Xingyue kissed Yi Ping gently on his forehead as she whispered to him, "Take a good rest first..."

Isa said hurriedly as she raised her divine sword, "That old freak has astonishing recovery rate. Moreover this is the Stellar Sanctuary. Let get rid of him immediately!"

Asura muttered, "He is already on the ground..."

Xiang said, "This is not the time to be merciful..."

"I am really disappointed with you, Xiang and Isa!"

Everyone was startled!

It was Lord Judas as he wiped away the blood that was on the tip of his mouth. He was stooping and was supporting himself with his golden rod, "What a good fight but a pity, it just isn't enough!"

Lie Qing had stepped forward as she raised her Eternal Light toward him, "It is enough. Don't forget that I am also a practitioner of the Invincible Divine Force. Your Invincible Divine Force has already been broken and you won't be able to muster it again in such a short time. So stop calling your bluff. You may be formidable but we are many. I garner that you have already lost half of your martial prowess now. Am I right?"

Lingfeng, Yunzi, Youxue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and all the others had all readied a combat stance and this time, they were much more confident!

Lord Judas smiled weakly to everyone, "You can try."

He turned to Alice and Asura, "Alice, Asura. Do we have to fight till to the very end? Have you forgotten how much I favor you in the past?"

Alice replied coldly, "You have never regards us as your equals. Although I am appreciative of your kindness in the past but I have to stop you from reaching the top of the Stellar Sanctuary."

Lord Judas protested weakly, "I have no desire to become a Great God. You want to eat my heart?"

Alice smiled bitterly, "Who wants to eat your disguising heart..."

"Then you should let him go, am I right?"

Everyone had turned ashen immediately!

It was because there was an intruder here and none of them was aware of it!

Alice, Isa, Asura, Aiel and Xiang had turned extremely pale and they had all gasped out together, "The Ancient Heavenly Sage King..."

A youthful handsome man with white hair and beaming golden eyes had jumped down from the imposing cliff above and landed gently. He had a flute in his right hand as he rebuked Lord Judas gently, "Aren't you pathetic? The most powerful fighter in the Immortal Realm will actually lose to an upstart immortal practitioner?"

Lord Judas grumbled, "Can't you see that I am trying my best to restrain myself? Or else how would I possibly lose?"

Alice gasped, "It is really the Ancient Heavenly Sage King..."

The Universal Old Man looked at the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords, "To think that we have been rivals for such a long time and today we will all perish together..."

Lingfeng lowered her glance. The situation now was indeed gloomy!

The rest of the group was equally dismay too. They were so closed to victory and yet...

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King smiled gently at Alice, "The Goddess

Celestial Alice, how have you been? I have heard that you are now the new immortal leader of the Immortal Realm?”

Alice said quietly, “I dare not claim to be the immortal leader of the Immortal Realm.”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King said, “Surely you are not thinking of stopping us right?”

Alice averted her glances, “I dare not.”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King pointed at Lord Judas, “If I want to take this old fellow away, will you stop me?”

Alice bit her lips, “I dare not!”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King smiled as he said to Lord Judas, “So old fellow, what are you waiting for? Time to leave!”

Lord Judas stared at the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, “I still have an unfinished business here!”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King asked unhurriedly, “We are all old acquaintances. Let them go...”

Lord Judas smiled mysteriously, “Wait till I tell you something interesting and you will be begging me not to let them go!”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King smiled, “You are baiting my appetite already. Tell me and I see if I will be interested.”

Lord Judas laughed heartily, “You will surely be interested!”

All of a sudden, there was a gently laughter from above the imposing cliff and a beautiful voice was heard asking, “What can be so interesting? Why don’t you share with me?”

Both the Ancient Heavenly Sage King and Lord Judas gasped at the same time, “The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess...”

“Right, right! After so many years, you are all still able to recognize my voice. Impressive!”

Alice whispered to the rest, “She is one of the thirty-three Heavenly

Kings...”

Ye Yin was smiling weakly, “I have thought that all the Heavenly Kings are all males...”

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The Ancient Heavenly Sage King immediately said to Lord Judas, "I will wait for you at that place."

Lord Judas muttered weakly, "Hey, wait!"

In the next instant, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King had jumped up to the side of the imposing cliff and began to climb upward at an incredible speed!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hummed coldly, "It seems that you are not interested to share with me..."

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King was shouting, "Why is that you are always following us? Are you so free? It has been so many years already. Aren't you tired?"

The voice of the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess echoed as it slowly faded, "...because I like..."

Soon Lord Judas was alone again!

Isa smiled bitterly, "It seems that your friend has left you all by yourself. Are we lucky or you are lucky?"

Lord Judas began to laugh heartily and his laughter reverberated loudly, "It is because he knew that I have no problem handling all of you."

Xiang was smiling, "But without your Invincible Divine Force now, you don't seem to be as formidable as just now. I will like you to try my Heavens Sundering Mirror again."

Lord Judas had suddenly flashed next to Alice and Shen Xingyue as he laughed, "You can try!"

Alice immediately displayed several epitome master strokes while Shen Xingyue immediately retaliated with a sword stroke and with her Starlight Divine Fingers!

But to their surprise, Lord Judas was just putting on a feign attack as he withdrawn his attack stances immediately and he had suddenly picked Yi Ping up onto his shoulder!

In the next instant he had displayed his swiftness movement skill and was running away while shouting heartily, “The heart of the great god and the prospect of evaluating my Heaven Eyes to the seventh positioning are just too tempting to give up. If you want to have his corpse back, let see if the whole lot of you are able to follow my pace!”

Everyone had turned ashen as Lord Judas had already vanished behind the cliffs. His swiftness movement skills were better than any of them!

Alice immediately called out, “Don’t let him get away!”

Yu’Er panicky said to the Lord Supreme, “Father! Yu’Er will go ahead of you first...”

Mei’Er was also saying to the Lord Supreme, “Mei’Er is going too!...”

Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue, Lele, Asura, Ye Yin, Isa, Xiang and all the others were already on the trail of the Western Paradise Heavenly King even before Alice called out to them to give chase...

They were all praying that nothing would happen to Yi Ping!

Han Lin asked Aiel quietly, “Why is that the Goddess Celestial Alice and the rest of the immortals seem to fear this Ancient Heavenly Sage King more than the Western Paradise Heavenly King? He is stronger than him?”

Aiel shook her head as she smiled weakly, “The Western Paradise Heavenly King is the stronger of the two for sure. They are not more fearful of the Ancient Heavenly Sage King but are more respectful.”

Han Lin asked, “More respectful?”

Youxue leapt next to them as she asked curiously, “More respectful?”

Lie Qing asked, “What a surprise. So far, all our encounters with a Heavenly King had turned up to be a bad experience.”

It seemed that the exchanges between Han Lin and Aiel were also

picked up by the rest of the group except for Shen Xingyue, Alice, Xiang, Lele, Asura, Yu'Er and Mei'Er and Lingfeng who had already gone far ahead!

Aiel took in a vital breath without slowing down her swift movement pace, "The Ancient Heavenly Sage King is a gentleman and he is always polite even to those beneath his station. You can tell that he is trying to persuade Lord Judas to let us go without being rude."

Han Lin had just leapt over a boulder ahead of them as she turned her head to ask Aiel, "So you are saying that he is a good guy?"

Aiel flushed, "I don't know..."

Han Lin laughed softly, "Or is it because he has a pretty face huh?"

Youxue smiled, "He really has a pretty face!"

Aiel quickly whispered, "Han Lin, Youxue, don't say it aloud. The walls have ears...."

Lie Qing asked curiously, "We are praising him and not saying anything bad..."

Aiel smiled bitterly, "Don't let the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hears you. If anyone is to mutter any good or bad things about the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, she is bounded to turn a nasty surprise on them. That has happened so many times in the past that her exploits has long become legendary!"

Lie Qing smiled weakly, "But it seems that the Ancient Heavenly Sage King seems to be troubled greatly by her?"

Aiel smiled, "That is because this Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess always disrupts his plans and is always on his opposing side!"

Lie Qing was startled, "If you didn't say that, I will have thought that she likes him. They are enemies?"

Aiel smiled bitterly, "Everyone in the Immortal Realm knows that she likes him except for the two of them. She is only trying to get his attention but she has really messed up his plans since the beginning.



That is why whenever the Ancient Heavenly Sage King sees her, he is more afraid of what she is trying to do and they almost always fight when they encounter each other...”

Lie Qing smiled awkwardly, “I see...”

Aiel continued, “I didn’t expect that to this day the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess will continue to thwart the Ancient Heavenly Sage King whenever he goes.”

Han Lin smiled bitterly, “But no matter what. These Heavenly Kings are all cold blooded practitioners especially that Lord Judas. More than ten immortals now lay dead because of him...”

The Immortal Saint of Swords said quietly, “Not true. I know that these ten immortals were actually killed from infighting.”

The Lord Supreme said without slowing down his swiftness movement, “That is true. I have met the Immortal Saint of Swords on this level when we are set upon by a group of Zen Immortals and Arhat Immortals. What has followed next is a messy fight between these two groups. It is only later when this Lord Judas has appeared and he has challenged all of us.”

The Immortal Saint of Swords nodded as he coughed weakly, “After seeing his fight with Yi Ping, it seems that he is merely toying with all of us earlier. Alas, I didn’t expect that the martial level of an Immortal Heavenly King will be so intimidating!”

Yunzi quickly whispered, “Protégé master, are you alright?”

The Lord Supreme was also saying weakly, “That we are on the verge of overcoming him is just a ruse to fool us to display our martial techniques but we have never even come close to overcoming him...”

Yunzi said quietly, “I am really worried for Yi Ping. I hope that he is alright...”

Aiel smiled weakly, “Don’t worry too much. I think Asura may be right. Lord Judas may be weird but his nature isn’t that bad. In the Immortal Realm, even though Lord Judas is fond of playing tricks on everyone but he will never go overly overboard. But most of the immortals will stay

steer of him to avoid headaches. Moreover he has a high ranking in the Immortal Realm for he is the one that creates the immortal hierarchy. Let's hope that he has not become a dark immortal..."

Lie Qing said quietly to herself, "It is impossible not to worry..."

The Lord Supreme said weakly as he stared at her, "Ai, you have awakened your Heaven Eyes? What do you mean by 'we'? You have been to the Immortal Realm? Are you an immortal?"

Aiel smiled weakly, "I am not the Sageess Ai. My true immortal name is the Goddess Aiel! And yes, I am an immortal!"

Han Lin chipped in, "She is a sleeping immortal because she likes to sleep so much."

Aiel said none too pleased, "I am just entering into my meditation state. What do you know, Han Lin?"

Han Lin laughed softly, "Yay! As though I believe you! Especially when you are snoring like a pig!"

Aiel began to flush, "Han Lin! I get you!..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords began to look quietly at everyone, "And the whole lots of you are immortal practitioners now? What is going on?"

The Universal Old Man patted his stomach as he laughed heartily, "I am an immortal practitioner now!"

For once, he could show off in front of them!

The Lord Supreme asked him, "You...have found the Immortal Practice?"

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly as he looked at Youxue who was in front of them and she was pointing to a trail that she had picked up, "Not exactly. Tell you later. First, we have to find Yi Ping first..."

# Chapter 181: The Golden Invincible Force

When Yi Ping had regained consciousness, he found himself in a cave and he was startled to see that Lord Judas was grinning at him, face to face with him!

He immediately tried to get up panicky as he shouted angrily, "What have you done to my companions?!"

Lord Judas laughed heartily, "I did nothing actually. They are all safe and sound. I have only one aim and that is you."

Yi Ping looked at Lord Judas suspiciously for a while. All of a sudden he noticed that his divine swords were by his side. He muttered weakly, "What do you want?"

Lord Judas laughed jovially, "You are my protégé disciple now!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "The duel is a draw. Since it is a draw, why should I be your protégé disciple?"

Lord Judas laughed, "Why don't you feel your pulses first?"

Although Yi Ping was bewildered by him, he did as he was told. All of a sudden he gasped out, "What is this?!..."

He could feel a wondrous energy pulsing through him. It was his Righteousness Essential Energy but only this time, it seemed to be more obvious and alive now!

He muttered, "What did you do?"

Lord Judas said, "So now you know? The Invincible Divine Force is also an absorbing skill. Because it is able to absorb, it is also capable of transferring. I have transferred my Golden Invincible Force to you."

All of a sudden he gave a martial shout and there were nine hovering wisps of blue energy. The golden shimmering wisps of energy spheres could no longer be seen!

Lord Judas said solemnly, "As you can see now, my Golden Invincible Force has degenerated. Try channeling your intricate energies to your life

and death channels and see what happens.”

Yi Ping did as he was told and was immediately speechless when a burst of martial force warped out of his body and it had formed into six hovering golden spheres!

Because Yi Ping was still weak and could not sustain his internal strength and martial power at the same time, the golden spheres soon disappeared and he was breathless from the attempt!

Lord Judas clapped his hands, “Excellent! It seems that your Righteousness Essential Energy has merged well with my Golden Invincible Force!”

Yi Ping said breathlessly, “The Golden Invincible Force is even more tiring to use than my Asper Divinity...”

Lord Judas laughed aloud, “Well, the Golden Invincible Force is slightly more difficult to use than the Invincible Divine Force but it is a good internal strength and martial power exercise too. When you have used it for ten years, you will start to see the benefit. When you have used it for a hundred years, you may be able to reach the seventh invincible rank. With some luck after a thousand years, you may be able to reach the eighth invincible rank. Maybe after ten thousand years, you will be able to reach the ninth rank.”

Yi Ping was startled, “So long?!”

Lord Judas patted his shoulder, “If you have started at a lower rank of the Golden Invincible Force, it is even longer and even more impossible to reach the peak of perfection of this divine skill. But a sixth level for starter is extremely good. Now all you need is to get used to it and meditate upon it. Even though you are not a true immortal yet but given your present martial strength, I can say that you will be on par with the majority of the true immortals now and even the rest of the Heavenly Kings soon enough!”

He began to examine Yi Ping wrist and put his hands on top of Yi Ping’s head, “It seems that you have just successfully overcome the Primordial Core Immortal Stage and is now at the beginning of the Divine Crisis.

Excellent! When you have overcome the Divine Crisis, there is one last hurdle of the Celestial Unison. You must be extremely wary of both the Divine Crisis and the Celestial Unison. Both are extreme tribulations that will prove to be the undoing of many. The Divine Crisis, the most deadly heavenly tribulation that you will ever face. The Celestial Unison, if you fail to unify the self with the Heavens, then you will turn to dust!"

Yi Ping was startled to hear this, "I have overcome the Primordial Core? I didn't feel it..."

Lord Judas laughed jovially, "The crisis of the Primordial Core can take many forms to and varies from each practitioner. That is why all the celestial and immortal stages can only depend on self-enlightenment. But of course, there always a shortcut but that is only used by the dark practitioners."

Yi Ping nodded but all of a sudden, he had a sudden realization. "Oh no! Lele, she is at the Celestial Unison now..."

Lord Judas said, "Is this Lele the maiden with a silver divine sword and a long scythe?"

Yi Ping nodded panicky, "You...must help her!"

Lord Judas said solemnly, "The whole lot of you has advanced too quickly and it is too dangerous. Your worst enemies are not the Heavenly Kings but your heavenly tribulations. As for this Lele, you don't have to worry. If I am not mistaken from our short martial exchanges, she is a practitioner of the Celestial Force and it is extremely pure...and..."

He closed to his eyes to meditate for a while.

Yi Ping called him. "Lord Judas?...Lord Judas?"

But there was no respond from him!

And this a while was actually ten minutes!

Finally Lord Judas opened his eyes and he had a startled expression, "She has the Universal Harmonic Chain!"

He quickly said to Yi Ping, "You don't have to worry for her. She has the

heart of the goddess and will surely attain as an immortal if nothing major happens.”

Yi Ping asked, “The heart of the goddess?”

Lord Judas was trembling excitingly, “That is right. The heart of the goddess, the pure heart of the Great Goddess Fantian! That is an immortal artefact of an unimaginable power and it seems that the Universal Harmonic Chain has picked her to be its mistress.”

Yi Ping was relieved to hear that.

He immediately fell to his knees as he bowed, “I am grateful to your kindness but I really cannot acknowledge you as my protégé master! But why will you advance my martial level at the cost of your attainment?”

Lord Judas replied, “Doesn’t matter. I didn’t manage to defeat you so you can choose not to be my disciple. Of course I have my reasons to aid you. Do you know that you are the Great God that the Ancient Heavenly Sage King and I have been waiting for all this while to restore the order of the heavens?”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “You are waiting for me?”

Lord Judas nodded, “Yes, it has been an extremely long wait.”

Yi Ping asked solemnly, “But even then, why are you imparting your precious martial internal strength to me at the cost of your own martial attainment? I don’t deserve it...”

Lord Judas said solemnly, “My own martial attainment is nothing compared to yours! You are our only fighting chance or else we will have to wait for countless years again. Moreover this Golden Invincible Divine Force doesn’t belong to me in the first place!”

Yi Ping had a puzzling look as he said, “It doesn’t belong to me either...”

Lord Judas laughed heartily, “The reason why my Invincible Divine Force is able to advance into the Golden Invincible Force is because the Great Goddess Fantian has aided me secretly in the past. The only condition that she has imposed upon me is that I have to transfer it to the

next Great God at the first opportunity!”

Yi Ping gasped, “The Great Goddess Fantian...”

Lord Judas nodded, “The Great Goddess Fantian is the Divine Creator of all the immortals while the Great God Pangu is the Divine Creator of the Three Known Realms. You have inherited the Pangu Intricate Energy and so naturally you are the future Great God.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “I don’t even know if I am able to reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary to become the next future Great God...”

Lord Judas clapped his hands, “So you are aware of it already?”

Yi Ping continued to smile bitterly, “I have made a guess.”

He quickly asked, “Senior, you have made such a great sacrifice. Is there anything I can do for you?”

Lord Judas laughed jovially, “No need! It is because I got a reward from the Great Goddess Fantian already!”

Yi Ping displayed a puzzled look...

Lord Judas explained as he tapped his forehead which had a sudden golden radiance, “The day that I have transferred the Golden Invincible Force to you, is also the day that I will be able to advance my Heavenly Eyes to the Seventh Cosmos Positioning. That is already my reward! Hehe! I have been figuring this puzzle for millenniums and never knew why for Heavens’ secrets are equally as forbidden to the first immortals. But now I know why!”

He grinned at Yi Ping, “Your Thousand Memories Swords is the key! You are really something. A sword technique that is created from the Essential Righteous Energy and it has also served as bridge between my Invincible Divine Force and my Heaven Eyes. Only when I have transferred the Golden Invincible Force to you, did I attain to a new state of divinity.”

Yi Ping stared at him blankly, “It is just a new technique that I have created at a moment notice...”

Lord Judas smiled, "You have to believe in destiny. There are an infinite number of coincidences just waiting for things to happen at the correct time. As long as you play by the rules of destiny, you will be able to carve out the chosen destiny."

Yi Ping muttered, "If only the other Heavenly Kings see the same way as you then things would be more peaceful."

Lord Judas asked, "What? You have seen the other Heavenly Kings? Who are they?"

Yi Ping said, "I see the Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong..."

Lord Judas smiled bitterly, "And you have survived an encounter with them? Do you know how sadistic they are?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I know..."

Lord Judas said, "They have joined the dark side and are now dark immortals."

All of a sudden he said, "No wait, I may need you to do something for me!"

Yi Ping said respectfully, "Just tell me and if it is within my means, I will surely do my very best!"

Lord Judas took out an orange pill, "This is my Western Paradise Divine Pill. It is a divine pill that I have spent countless years to refine and cultivate. Can I trust you to give it to that maiden with the Invincible Divine Force? What is her name?"

Yi Ping took the divine pill hesitatingly, "She is Lie Qing. What is this divine pill?"

Lord Judas laughed, "Alas, Lie...Qing. I must remember her name. I am getting forgetful nowadays."

All of a sudden he became solemn, "You must never take this pill for yourself or it will do you more harm than good. But for her, it will be beneficent to her. Who is she to you?"

Yi Ping said quietly, "She is my consort."



Lord Judas laughed heartily, “Good! Take good care of her. She is actually on the eleventh invincible level now. I wonder how she accomplishes that...”

Yi Ping said respectfully, “I hope that Senior will spare the practitioners that cross your path...”

Lord Judas roared with laughter, “You really think that those immortals are killed by me? No! So far I have only killed only one and he is the Epitome Sage Heavenly King. But that is only because he is a dark immortal. If I don’t get rid of him then there will be more victims!”

Yi Ping asked solemnly, “Pardon me for asking but you are not a dark immortal? Then why are you in the Stellar Sanctuary?”

Lord Judas leaned back as he pondered, “It is not only me. All the surviving Heavenly Kings will surely come to the Stellar Sanctuary because in the entire immortal realm, nowhere else can compare to the martial treasures and immortal secrets that can be found here!”

Yi Ping listened attentively. It was because so far he had only known that the Stellar Sanctuary was a place for celestial practitioners to advance their enlightenment and all the celestials had long suspected that the Immortal Practice may be found inside.

Lord Judas explained further, “It is a little more complicated. Let me put it this way, all the Heavenly Kings are like the celestial clans that you are familiar with, with their own agendas. And of course, some will band together while some prefer to be on their own. Some even choose to become dark immortals but no matter the reasons, everyone knows that if they can reach the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary, they will surely gained untold martial treasures and even become the next Great God!”

Yi Ping asked, “So you are here to become the next Great God?”

Lord Judas laughed jovially, “To be honest, I did dream of it but I have something even noble in mind...”

All of a sudden he gave Yi Ping a pat, “But I cannot share my secret destiny with you. Young fellow, don’t say that I didn’t warn you. There

will be a battle up there. If you really value your life and your cumulated divine practice, I will surely advise you to stay steer of all the troubles and be on your way.”

Yi Ping said solemnly, “I know that Senior means well but like you, I have my business at the top of the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Lord Judas looked at him for a while before he said solemnly, “I don’t know how you got your Essential Righteous Energy without reaching to the very top but if you continue your way up, the sharper Heavenly Kings will soon find out and they will surely eat your heart to further their own attainment. You got me?”

Yi Ping nodded quietly.

Lord Judas said, “You are lucky to meet me. Very well, since you are so insistent I won’t stop you. But if we do meet at the very top, we may even fight again. To each of our own destiny!”

Yi Ping said, “To each of our own destiny. You know, I am thinking you are not such a bad person after all.”

Lord Judas laughed, “I am not a bad person but I am a mean fellow. Even my dearest Alice, Xiang and Asura are ignoring me now. What bad luck! But after I have finished with my secret destiny, then they will know that I am not such a mean fellow and they will fall to their knees as they worship me...”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he felt like withdrawing what he had just said to him!

All of a sudden they heard footsteps from below the cave!

Lord Judas smiled wryly, “It is my dearest Alice. I can sniff her from afar and they have managed to find my trail now. I got to go now. Remember what I have said to you!”

As he got up, he turned to appraise Yi Ping solemnly, “I don’t know if you are the true Great God. But if you want to become the true Great God, you must reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary and there will be many tribulations waiting for you to face. I have already done what I am

supposed to do!”

With that, he vanished out of the cave!

Yi Ping was left standing in the cave alone until Alice, Xiang, Lele, Yu’Er, Me’Er, Shen Xingyue and Asura had barged into the cave as they called him out excitedly, “Yi Ping! Yi Ping!”

Alice gasped with relief, “Are you alright? Where is that Lord Judas? Did he do anything funny to you?”

Xiang was also comforting him panicky, “Your Xiang’Er is here. Did that Lord Judas bullies you? I will get back at him later...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were examining him closely as they hugged him excitedly, “Master Yi Ping! You are alright...we are so glad!”

Shen Xingyue heaved a soft sigh of relief, “I was so afraid when you have fallen into his hands. Or else I won’t forgive myself for letting him carted you away right in front of my eyes...”

Lele flew into his embrace, “Ping’Er, you...are alright? I am so glad? What actually happened?”

Asura was looking cautiously around the cave, “He is not here?”

Yi Ping immediately said, “He didn’t hurt me and instead has helped me to treat my internal injuries.”

Alice, Xiang and all the others were startled, “Oh? He did what?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “He isn’t as bad as you think although maybe a little eccentric.”

Shen Xingyue asked, “Huh? Why did he cart you away for then?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “He has imparted his Golden Invincible Force to me...”

Alice and Xiang were gasping, “He did what...”

Even Asura was trembling with shock!

Yu’Er asked, “What is wrong?”

Alice smiled weakly, "I can't believe that he has actually imparted one of the most powerful divine skills of the Immortal Realm to you..."

Xiang was already examining Yi Ping's pulse, "It is true..."

Asura laughed softly to Yi Ping, "Unfortunately, you are not a virgin or else you will be able to advance further with this divine skill..."

Yi Ping was flustered as he muttered, "I am really alright..."

Alice muttered, "Better check if you are really alright. I mean that there may be a side effect to this Golden Invincible Divine Skill that you may not be aware of. That Lord Judas is capable of messing up with people."

Xiang nodded, "I agree with Alice."

Yi Ping was smiling weakly, "Surely not that bad..."

Alice and Xiang said at the same time, "He really is!"

Alice added coldly, "You have heard him calling me dearest Alice as though I am particular very close to him. He is capable of twisting anything to suit his jovial mood. Stay away from him!"

Xiang nodded and her expressions were particular tortured, "Everyone avoids him like a plague in the Immortal Realm, you know what I mean? You don't want to know him particular well. I wonder how the Ancient Heavenly Sage King was able to bear with him..."

Yi Ping just smiled weakly. It was because he could tell that Alice and Xiang did not have any fondness for him!

# Chapter 182: The Immortal Hero of the Three Known Realms

Yi Ping and his group were standing between two imposing cliffs. The cliffs were so tall that they could not see the towering ends. And between these two cliffs were two imposing grey statues that stood around meters tall!

These two statues depicted a handsome man and a beautiful maiden seeming facing each other woefully and they were crossing the passage with their imposing swords!

And beyond these two imposing statues were cold rolling mists!

Yi Ping was looking at these two imposing statues and a sense of familiarity was felt by him.

But he quickly composed himself to say, "It seems that we have found the end point of this level?"

Alice smiled and nodded, "The sooner that we can get out of this level, the sooner the better."

Isa nodded, "It gives me the creep knowing that this Lord Judas is on this level with us!"

Xiang crossed her hands, "He really gives me the shiver, you know!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly. He really had no idea how creepy this Lord Judas was. But one thing was for sure, it seemed that these immortal goddesses were not fond of the Western Paradise Heavenly King.

The Lord Supreme muttered, "This is the end of this level. I wonder what lies beyond this gate?"

The Immortal Saint of Swords looked at Yi Ping curiously, "We are a big group. It may not seem wise to enter this gate at the same time. I am really surprised that all of you are able to make it to this level in such a big group..."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he looked at everyone, "I do know that

the strength of the obstructions increase according to the size of our group but I am unwilling to break up our group.”

He was anxious because he could not afford to lose any of them and it was a constant hard decision that he had to face at every point.

Lingfeng who knew his thoughts intimately, smiled gently. “Ping’Er, let me say something alright?”

Yi Ping nodded slowly...

Lingfeng said alluringly as she eyed everyone, “In our group, there are the stronger ones and the weaker ones...”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he interrupted, “That is not what I mean...”

Lingfeng tugged his sleeve gently as she said gently, “Wait Ping’Er, please hear me out first!”

Ye Yin smiled shyly at Yi Ping, “Let’s hear the Heaveness out first!”

Yunzi smiled gently, “That is right. And it may resolve the knot in your heart.”

Yi Ping smiled awkwardly as he sighed softly...

Lingfeng smiled before she took a sweeping glance at everyone, “The weaker ones among you must be worried that you may be an encumbrance to Yi Ping and the others. You rather leave the group and suffer alone than be in the group!”

She paused for a while before she looked at Alice, Isa and all the stronger ones, “The stronger ones among you actually do not mind having the weaker ones in the group. It is because you feel that you will be equally able to protect them. So you rather shoulder the daunting trials despite knowing the dangers!”

Lingfeng raised her voice as she looked at everyone, “Am I right to say so?”

Everyone was nodding!

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang said casually, “I like challenges anyway.”

Asura also added coolly, "If we have it easy then we won't become stronger and it will be difficult to raise our state of divinity."

Yi Ping said firmly, "Leaving anyone behind isn't an option I suppose. No matter how daunting it is, I will do my best to protect everyone..."

Lele smiled, "The burden of protecting everyone rests with all of us and not only you."

Youxue nodded approvingly as walked gently to Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, we are in this together..."

Yi Ping muttered, "Youxue..."

Youxue in turn looked at him with a thousand affections; Yi Ping was no longer the naïve and weak young man that she had first met him. Maybe it was because he had an unusual destiny that had attracted her in the first place. Maybe it was because of his good nature heart. But no matter, he was now the hero in her heart!

The Lord Supreme sighed and he was followed by the Immortal Saint of Swords...

Lingfeng looked at them with a smile, "The two of you must be worried that with your injuries, you may be a hindrance to everyone?"

The Lord Supreme looked at Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Xingyue and Ye Yin before he sighed again, "That is right!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords looked at Yunzi with a soft sigh, "Yunzi may be the only hope for the Infinity Sword Celestial Sect to gain a foothold in the Immortal Realm. Alas, my will is willing but my flesh is weak!"

It was because his internal injuries were not light!

Dugu Yunzi said firmly, "Protégé master, I won't think of you as a hindrance and I am sure the rest of my sisters won't as well!"

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded as she smiled warmly, "If you need more time to rest, we can wait a little longer before we go through that gate. But no one will think that you are a hindrance to anyone."

Lingfeng laughed softly, “So that is! So what are we waiting for now? Let’s storm this gate!”

Even the golden Kirin cub was growling as though it was also agreeing!

Lie Qing was smiling. She was looking even more radiant after consuming the divine pill of the Western Paradise Heavenly King, “That is right. We shall blame no one for our misfortunes. We have all decided on this course and we mustn’t falter from it!”

She had many reasons to smile. She had not only attained her Invincible Divine Force to the twelfth level, she was now also an immortal practitioner of the Divine Crisis level!

And she had even evolved her Golden Impervious Body to the Golden Invincible Body!

Han Lin clapped her hands as she laughed softly, “I agree too!”

Lingfeng nodded as she asked again, “So what do all of you think?”

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Sword of Saints and all the maidens were all nodding!

Yi Ping muttered as he looked at Lingfeng and the rest, “Everyone...”

He looked at Lingfeng with a broad smile, “Lingfeng, thank you...”

Lingfeng smiled gently, “So what now?”

Yi Ping took a deep breath before he said with firm determination, “We are in this together now. The path ahead may be difficult and full of unknowns but from now, let’s us try our best!”

Youxue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Yunzi, Ye Yin and Xingyue had gathered around Yi Ping in the next instant. Their eyes were full of affectionate for Yi Ping as they all laughed jovially!

Yu’Er said, “That towering gate ahead looks dangerous but I am not afraid anymore!”

Isa walked in front of her before she winked to her, “What is there to be afraid of? If you call me big sister then I will surely protect you!”



Yu'Er asked excitedly, "Really? Big sister!"

Mei'Er was next to Isa in the next instant, "That is so unfair. Can I call you Big Sister too?"

Isa smiled gently, "If you like, why not?"

Mei'Er laughed softly, "Big sister, Big sister!"

Youxue smiled wryly, "Hmph! I want to as well! Big sister!"

Isa laughed softly, "I have so many little sisters all of a sudden!"

The Universal Old Man rubbed his hands before he said shyly, "Big Sister..."

Isa raised her eyebrows at him as she asked coldly, "What did you say?"

The Universal Old Man shivered lightly before he quickly said, "Nothing..."

Lingfeng laughed gently, "Serve you right!"

Yi Ping said aloud, "So we are all ready?"

Alice said all of a sudden, "Hold!"

Yi Ping asked curiously, "Yes?"

Alice said divinely, "Yi Ping, a minute please."

She looked at everyone with a sly smile before she said solemnly, "Yi Ping, you are a hero in the lower realm. But it is not a fitting title for you anymore. I think that it is time for you to deserve a better title."

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "I am not a hero. Have you seen a hero that is as lecherous as me?"

Mei'Er said with a smile, "You are not. You are just too sentimental!"

Yu'Er nodded as she lowered her head shyly, "We have made a pledge to avoid the sentiments in our heart so that we can all focus on cultivating as celestial practitioners. And we have all attained past the Divine State of Emotion now...but alas..."

Yi Ping said firmly, "Yu'Er, we must be resolute. One day, we may attain

as true immortals...”

Yu’Er looked him earnestly, “Who knows if these type of thing is allowed in the Immortal Realm? Who knows what further destiny awaits the Great God? I rather not part from you at all!”

Mei’Er said woefully, “Shi Shi meant well to depart from us so that she won’t be a burden to us and she missed out on attaining as an immortal practitioner...”

Aiel was a little melancholy too, “Sometimes destiny turns up in this manner. A short separation becomes a great gulf...”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “I am just an immortal practitioner and is still a celestial. I will be in the Celestial Realm for a long time still...”

Aiel asked him, “You...really think so?”

Isa said quietly, “Unless the whole lot of you has attained as a true immortal, it is really too dangerous for you to put the emotions of the heart as priority. It will be costly to your future attainment and will only be a distraction.”

Shen Xingyue said melancholy, “Yes we do know...”

Yi Ping muttered, “Xingyue...”

Xingyue smiled angelically, “Don’t worry. That is why I am enjoying our times together even now. It is...”

She placed her hands gently to her bosoms as she muttered, “All these will be forever etched in my heart...”

All the rest of the maidens were also nodding and muttering...

Yunzi said quietly, “Our hearts...”

Youxue nodded as she clasped her bosoms, “Yes, it will be in our hearts...”

Alice said divinely, “So sisters. I, the Goddess Celestial Alice of the Three Known Realms now officially proclaims Yi Ping as the Immortal Hero of the Three Known Realms, does anyone of you have any

objections?”

Everyone almost said aloud at the same time, “No!”

Yi Ping as startled, “Immortal Hero?”

# Chapter 183: The Divine Nine Cauldron and the Divine Icefire Skill

The gate beyond the towering statues was extremely cold and there were white mist everywhere. The visibility was poor and they could only make out the rough outlines of the cliffs around them.

Yi Ping said quietly as he scanned his surroundings keenly, "This place is really cold..."

He began to wonder, "Is this gate a Boss Stage or a Tribulation Stage?"

Either way, he was cautious. It was because being cautious was better than being careless!

Alice looked at everyone as she warned, "If I am not wrong, we are now entering the trials of the enduring cold. It will only get colder and colder as we go deeper."

Youxue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er were looking at each other. Because they were protected by the Icy Heavenly Tears, they were not really affected by the bitter cold.

Han Lin looked at the thinly dressed Aiel, "Mistress, don't you feel cold?"

Aiel yawned softly, "What do you think? I am an immortal so do you think I am afraid of cold? What about you?"

Han Lin smiled, "I am a Dragon Practitioner and isn't afraid of the elements."

Ye Yin was wearing the Heavenly Empress Robe which rendered her immune to the cold elements of her surroundings. She thought, "This divine robe of the Goddess Celestial Alice is indeed wondrous. I don't feel cold at all."

Shen Xingyue was looking at her with envy, "Poor me!"

All of a sudden Yi Ping held her tightly as he asked after her, "Xingyue, you are cold?"

Shen Xingyue was startled!

It was because she had not expected Yi Ping to hear her and react so swiftly. The truth was, even though the vicinity was extremely cold but it had not reached the point of affecting her yet. But she was touched by Yi Ping's gesture.

She nodded shyly, "Yes, I feel a little cold..."

Yi Ping immediately tightened his grip on her as he warmed her through his internal strength!

Shen Xingyue panicky said, "Ping'Er, I am good! You need to conserve your internal strength. I am...really not that cold."

Yi Ping sighed softly, "Xingyue..."

Ye Yin laughed softly, "Next time we must be careful of what we have wished for!"

All the other maidens began to laugh softly, much to the embarrassment of Xingyue which caused her to mutter, "Alright, it is my mistake."

She hummed away shyly as she broke freed of Yi Ping as she hastened her steps, "What are we so slow? Let's hurry!"

Xingyue like all the other maidens had a common goal. They would rather Yi Ping to be well enough than allowed him to do anything for them. It was because all the maidens had already come to a consensus between themselves; he had already done so much for them that they did not want to abuse his good heart!

That was why Xingyue was flustered while she had walked away shyly!

All the maidens would rather they would do something for him. Now this common consensus was not something that came easily. At least it was not something that would happen to the others!

Yi Ping called out after her, "Xingyue, don't go too fast..."

Xingyue turned around as she gave him an angelic smile, "I am just exercising my legs!"

Alice suddenly said as she pointed to the lofty slopes below, "Be careful. The path here is narrow and treacherous."

Yi Ping nodded as he took a look at the bottomless misty ravine below. Instead this pathway was only big enough for two or three to walk at the same time. Moreover the pathway was slippery and there were strong icy winds that were blowing against them at the same time!

That was why he was worried when Shen Xingyue had suddenly walked up ahead of them!

Lingfeng sighed softly, "How are we going to fight in this place if a divine monster would to manifest in this place?"

The Universal Old Man smiled bitterly, "Maybe the monster will slip down the slope and fall into the bottomless ravine below..."

The Lord Supreme added wryly, "If the area monsters are flying monsters then we are really in trouble."

Yi Ping smiled, "Hopefully not."

The Immortal Saints of Sword sighed, "You never know."

All of a sudden Ye Yin warned aloud, "Everyone, I have sensed something ahead. I think is a fire."

Yi Ping, Alice, Isa and Asura were startled, "Fire?"

Alice was perplexed. It was because her paranormal sense would sense an intruder even from a mile away and yet, she had sensed nothing out of the norm!

She patted the golden Kirin cub as she smiled, "You can sense a fire?"

Ye Yin closed her eyes as she pointed ahead, "It is still quite a distance away but I am sure it is a fire but it seems that this fire is burning in an open space."

Yi Ping was dumbfounded, "A fire that can burn in such a cold and icy environment?"

Xiang appraised Ye Yin anew. That was because like Alice, she was

startled that Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess could actually sense a fire amidst the strong icy howling winds!

Yi Ping said, "I trust Ye Yin's sixth sense. She has such an astonishing uncanny sense that sometimes I can't help being in awe of her."

Ye Yin was delighted as she smiled at Yi Ping sweetly, "Stop heaping praises over me!"

Shen Xingyue suddenly called out, "Look, there are two forks here. Do we go to the left or the right path?"

Yi Ping turned to ask Ye Yin, "Where is the fire?"

Ye Yin pointed to the path to the right, "There!"

Yi Ping looked at the path to the right with a curious expression before he took a step to the left but Youxue was tugging him lightly as she winked at him, "Are you afraid? Let's check the path to the right. I am curious about the path to the right!"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "Same here!"

Lingfeng said unhappily, "You are all daredevils!"

Han Lin chuckled softly, "To the right path then!"

Half of the group was actually the daredevil types with courage to match their curiosity!

Youxue looked at Yi Ping with pleading eyes, "Ping'Er, what do you think?"

Yi Ping looked at her with a smile, "I actually can't decide on which paths to take. If there may be a fire to ward off the cold then let take the right path then!"

He had of course used a random reason. It was because he knew that the half of the group was actually curious to take a look.

Lingfeng muttered, "Any fire would actually be extinguished by then. Why don't you think of a more convincing better reason? You are so lazy to use your brains."

Yi Ping laughed softly as he took broad strides toward the right path before turning back, "You know I am waiting for you to help me out..."

Lingfeng chuckled softly as she went up to him as she kicked him from behind lightly, "Fat hope!"

Isa said to Alice, "What do you think?"

Alice said quietly, "We are already at the end of this Floor Fortieth-Eight. Danger lurks everywhere. For a lower floor, this atmosphere is indeed unusual."

Isa asked solemnly, "You think that this is the death gate?"

Alice shrugged her shoulders, "I do not know!"

Sometime later after walking cautiously around the steep edges of the icy mountains, the howling winds were getting more and more furious.

Yi Ping stood by the edge as he kept a careful watch on the rest of the group. As Han Lin walked past him, he muttered. "Han Lin, be careful. The icy winds are raging furiously now."

Han Lin flustered shyly as she recalled the time when she had tripped and fallen off a treacherous path.

It was precisely Yi Ping had remembered that situation that he had muttered a cautionary note to her out of concern.

Aiel tugged Han Lin quietly as she gave her a sly look, "Han Lin, I think you are going to fall off again..."

Han Lin said exasperatingly, "Shut up, mistress!"

All of a sudden Shen Xingyue pointed to a pillar that was protruding up from now the mists; there was a fire on top of this pillar, "A fire in this place? Let's take a closer look!"

Yi Ping looked at Ye Yin, "There is really a fire here!"

Ye Yin smiled gently as she gave him a wink, "You mean you don't believe me?"

Yi Ping stammered, "Not that..."



Ye Yin threw him a light punch as she said aloud, "I am just teasing you. Let's take a closer look!"

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords looked at each other...

The Immortal Saint of Swords said, "That is no ordinary fire for sure..."

The Lord Supreme nodded as he sunk his fingers along the sides of the small pathway as he looked at his daughters, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er, be careful!"

Yu'Er replied, "We will..."

Mei'Er was exercising her Divine Emerald Force to keep the furious icy howling winds at bay while saying, "It seems that that fire is away from the pathway. How are we going to reach it?"

She was right!

A little while later, everyone was leaning against the edge of the cold mountains while the furious icy winds lashed against them!

They had all paused in their tracks; it was because they had all caught sight of a burning fire on top of a pillar that was protruding from of the mist!

The fire was burning from a square bronze cauldron with four legs and various words could be seen from its sides!

Yi Ping muttered, "This cauldron..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords said, "The words are too far to be seen clearly but I am sure that they are martial intricate formulas!"

The Lord Supreme agreed, "But getting to that pillar may be a problem!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords immediately snapped his finger as he sent a beaming sword energies toward the fire but his sword energies was immediately dissipated when it had reached midway!

He said quietly, "No good, it is too bitter cold in the middle. I am afraid that it may be quite impossible to reach that pillar."

The distance between them and the pillar was just 10m but because of

the cold and the strong icy winds that were sweeping the entire vicinity, it seemed quite impossible to reach the cauldron that was alone on a pillar!

Yi Ping took a step forward toward the edge of the chasm as he looked at the misty bottomless abyss as he muttered, "Even if we can leap to that pillar but given the space there, it seem impossible to leap back..."

Yunzi nodded as she tugged Youxue lightly. It was because she could tell that Youxue was particular interested in the cauldron and was unwilling to give up.

She whispered, "Sometimes curiosity kills the cat and it is better to know when to give up."

Yi Ping said, "That is right!"

The Lord Supreme said with a soft sigh, "There are many that have entered the Stellar Sanctuary and chanced upon many of the intriguing martial treasures. But these martial treasures are often dangerous to obtain and because they did not know when to give it up, they subsequently lose their lives. They have cultivated in vain!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords was also sighing because he had witnessed numerous infightings and plenty of celestial practitioners that lost their lives in the Stellar Sanctuary over the centuries!

But Youxue lifted the long edge of her dress with her fingers as she looked defiantly at everyone, "Others may not be able to succeed but I am also to!"

She willed her mental state to the highest level with the Absolute Spirits, exercised the intricate energies of her Icy Heavenly Tears and the Divine Emerald Force at the same time as she smiled, "Yunzi!"

Yi Ping panicky shouted to her, "Youxue no!"

But there was nothing he could do because Youxue was at the back while he was at the front of the column.

Yunzi sighed softly as she unsheathed the White Phoenix into a flying sword and it flew with a startling speed as it pierced through the pillar!

She had instinctively known what was on Youxue's mind!

Youxue laughed softly, "Thank you!"

Yunzi's White Phoenix Divine Sword was 1m long and the hilt was 20cm long. It had pierced a good 20cm into the hilt and it had shortened the distance between the pillar and where Youxue was standing to 9m!

Youxue smiled; with her lightness swiftness skill, she was confident that she could leap upon and carry her own weight on top of Yunzi's sword!

She muttered softly, "Now that I am an immortal practitioner now, I wonder what is the martial strength of my Divine Emerald Force now?"

She immediately raised her fingers as she exercised the Divine Emerald Force to the seventh level!

Yu'Er was startled, "Sister Youxue had mastered the Divine Emerald Force to the seventh level?!"

Youxue took another deep breath as another burst of martial force erupted around her as the martial strength of Divine Emerald Force increased once again!

Mei'Er gasped, "The eighth level of the Divine Emerald Force! The Recurring Force!"

But before Yu'Er and Mei'Er could recover from their surprise, Youxue had raised the level of her Divine Emerald Force once again to the ninth level!

Yu'Er gasped in astonishment, "That means that her Icy Heavenly Tears is also on the ninth level too!"

Even Yi Ping was startled at Youxue's current martial progression but he quickly looked at Shen Xingyue who nodded gently at him.

Shen Xingyue was confident of leaping across to the pillar naturally but she was not confident of taking the gambit against the supernatural wall of extreme coldness that could be felt like an impassable wall all around them!

But if Youxue was in trouble, she could immediately jump to her aid!

Alice said with her divine voice, “I will help to keep a lookout on her. Youxue, don’t be afraid.”

At the same time, Yunzi had unsheathed her waist sword as she displayed the Ley Negative Sword Energies, sending it in a collision course against the icy howling winds!

“Youxue, now!” Yunzi called out to her!

Yu’Er called out as she displayed the Divine Emerald Force, “Sister Youxue, be careful!”

The rest was also calling out to her, “Be careful, be very careful!”

Youxue nodded as she displayed the Golden Impervious Body to better resist the supernatural chill as she leapt across with a startling burst of martial force that was generated by the Divine Emerald Force!

No sooner had she jumped across the chasm, she was greeted by a powerful blast of condensed ice and it seemed that her weight had increased more than ten times!

She was panicky!

It was because she had now realized the dire situation that she was in!

She was startled as she exerted all her martial power to display the Divine Emerald Force to its fullness.

All of a sudden Shen Xingyue had forced her forward with the extraordinary power of her Big Dipper Hands and Lele had raised her Divine Echo to reduce the drag of the icy howling winds that were on her!

Even the Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang had raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror and the Immortal Saint of Swords was displaying his Ley Negative Sword Energies in all directions to aid her!

Yi Ping had also raised his divine swords; there were two golden haloes as Yi Ping divine harmonized himself to the sanctorum manifesting level as one with his divine swords as he displayed the Asper Continuum!

And the rest of the group was also giving aid by sending their martial force to collide with the invisible wall of extreme coldness and the furious howling winds!

Because of all the help that she was given, she had managed to land on the tip of Yunzi's divine sword and in the next blink of an eye, she had landed on top of the pillar!

She was grateful as well as guilty at the same time!

The middle of the trek was eerily cold. Had it not for the anti-force of her Divine Emerald Force and the Icy Heavenly Tears which rendered her almost impervious to the supernatural cold, she would have stumbled immediately!

Yi Ping sighed with a soft relief!

Alice and Asura were looking at each other wordlessly in the meantime.

Asura divine whispered Alice secretly, "You are really not interested in the martial inscriptions that are on that cauldron? I think that must be the epitome martial intricate of the Divine Icefire Skill!"

Alice shook gently as she whispered back, "I think so too. Unfortunately, it runs counters to Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill. I am just one tiny step to the pinnacle of my divine skill. I mustn't have any further distractions..."

Asura smiled as she looked quietly at Alice. It was because she knew that with the skill levels of Alice, she could inspect that cauldron anytime she pleased.

But because they were immortals, they were reluctant to help the rest directly for it would only hinder their future progressions. Since Youxue decided to take this risk then it would count toward part of her total tribulations. If she succeeded then it would only benefit her!

In the meantime Youxue had landed on the pillar and was looking at the cauldron. Even though the weird fire was burning fiercely but the surrounding was still so cold that she was actually shivering!

She was startled, “Even with my ninth level progression of the Icy Heavenly Tears, it is still not enough...”

As she took a quick look at the inscriptions on the bronze cauldron, she had also hastily committed it into memory as she gasped, “The Divine Icefire Skill! The divine fire within and without, the source of the refined essence of martial internal strength...”

She knew instantly that this was a most wondrous divine martial skill without peer but could she be able to master it?”

She was beginning to worry anxiously because she had already combined several epitome skills into one and she had almost lost her life several times because of that!

She was not only evolved her Divine Virtuous Force to the Invincible Divine Force now, she was also versed in several epitome divine skills such as the Dominating Force, the Icy Heavenly Tears, the Divine Emerald Skill and even a little of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force!

Getting the Invincible Divine Force and the Dominating Force to amalgamate to work together was a lot of difficult than she had thought and until now, she had failed to combine both martial forces together.

While her martial level was a lot higher, she had ranked herself a little lower than the Heavenly Temptress Lie Qing and the Heaviness Lingfeng. It was because Lie Qing, like Yixian was wholly focused on perfecting their original martial divine skills to the highest level. Moreover she had a divine sword to aid her too.

As for Lingfeng, she had a talent to use two divine skills at the same time. Also, she had an invisible divine short sword that she had rarely allowed it to be seen.

Youxue sighed softly as she recited the Divine Icefire Skill in her heart. But all of a sudden as she delved into the intricate formulas of this skill, she was startled that she may have a chance to actually master this divine skill!

It was because practitioners of the Divine Icefire Skill had to start with

an icy intricate formula, a fiery intricate formula and a neuter intricate formula at the same time to begin it. And all three intricate formulas must be an extreme cold, an extreme positive and a neutral absorbing martial force skill in order to practice the Divine Icefire Skill!

This one condition was already an extreme impossible task to fulfill!

Youxue muttered, "The Icy Heavenly Tears, the Dominating Force and the Invincible Divine Force fulfill this condition...but can I successfully amalgamate them as one, as the Divine Icefire Skill?"

As she stared at the intricate words of the Divine Icefire Skill and the burning fire that was in front of her, she had forgotten about the bitter cold.

All of a sudden as she continued to recite the Divine Icefire Skill, the burning fire that was on top of bronze cauldron exploded and consumed her!

Yi Ping was stunned as he shouted for Youxue!

But he had no sooner shouted to her, the divine fire had disappeared and Youxue had emerged from the burning fire unharmed!

And on her forehead was a fire mark!

Everyone was stunned.

Lingfeng gasped, "She has awakened her Heaven Eyes!"

Youxue was startled when the divine fire had suddenly burst into a raging fire as it consumed her but instead of burning pain, she had felt a soothing experience as the divine fire was absorbed as part of her new internal strength; the Divine Icefire Internal Energies!

She had actually amalgamated all the divine skills into a new divine skill!

Alice said quietly, "That is her destiny and there probably won't be another like her. This Divine Icefire Skill requires the practitioner to practice three different types of conflicting divine forces before they can begin it. Most practitioners will have already met a mishap by the time

they learn the second divine skill.”

Asura nodded as she trembled, “She has even gained the Divine Fire and the Divine Nine Cauldron. That is really the most precious of all treasures!”

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at where Youxue was. The bronze cauldron and the divine fire had both disappeared!

He asked, “What is it?”

Asura replied as she looked at Youxue admiringly, “This Divine Nine Cauldron is a divine manifestation of the Heavens. It is only heard of but has never been truly seen. It is said to be able to aid the practitioner to refine their divine practice as well as to cultivate their martial strength. It seems that Youxue has now become the new mistress of this immortal artefact. This is even better than most divine swords!”

The Universal Old Man said with a laugh, “If I know that that is an immortal artefact, I would have gone after it in the first place too!”

Isa said coldly, “Immortal artefacts are sentient and can manifest anywhere with the correct conditions. You don’t go to it thinking that it is an immortal artefact as it is the one that is choosing you. Even Alice and I didn’t know that that bronze cauldron is actually a manifest of the Divine Nine Cauldron! So if you try to lay your hands on it, it will probably just be an ordinary bronze cauldron!”

The Universal Old Man was startled as he patted his belly in disappointment, “I see...”

Meanwhile Youxue was trembling lightly as she tried to muster her Divine Emerald Force. It was because the Divine Emerald Force only works with the Icy Heavenly Tears and after amalgamating her Icy Heavenly Tears with the Divine Icefire Skill, her internal energies was no longer the Icy Heavenly Tears Energies but the Divine Icefire Energies!

She was delighted when she had displayed the Divine Emerald Force unhindered!

Next she began to display the intricate formula of the Invincible Divine



Force and was startled when a burning force began to envelop around her!

But this burning force was soothing to her and she was also not affected by the extreme cold now!

She looked out and saw that Yi Ping and the rest were smiling to her and waiting for her to return to their side.

She pulled out Yunzi's divine sword as she mustered her entire martial power. There was a bursting burning force in her and she could feel that her martial level had up another notch!

This time, the leap was much easier than the first time!

As she tiptoed back to the narrow path, she said to everyone with a smile. "Thank you everyone..."

All of a sudden, a terrifying howl could be heard and this howl was so earthshaking that the entire mountains were now shaking!

Alice had turned ashen as she muttered, "In front of us..."

Yi Ping asked, "What is that sound?"

Isa was trembling as she looked blankly at Yi Ping, "That is a Divine Dragon...one of the four guardian beasts!"

# Chapter 184: The Dark Emperor Robe

When Yi Ping and his group had reached the end of the edgy ridge, they saw a towering iron gate with a shimmering portal. They immediately knew that this shimmering portal would lead them to the upper level of the Stellar Sanctuary!

But the icy platform that was in front of them was empty!

Obviously, they had all heard the terrifying roar of a dragon earlier but there was no sight of it now!

Or was it because the dragon was waiting to appear just after they had stepped on the icy platform and the roar that they had heard was just a hint to the challengers?

Alice said quietly, "Remember the divine beasts are able to move throughout the levels of the Stellar Sanctuary at will. We don't really want to fight these immortal beasts unless we have no other choice."

Yi Ping asked, "So, that Divine Dragon has now left the vicinity?"

Alice scanned the surroundings keenly as she said, "Maybe."

Aiel laughed softly, "Or the Divine Dragon is never here in the first place. Let's us step upon the icy platform now. I am curious to see what the boss monster of the 48th floor looks like!"

Han Lin suddenly leapt in front of Aiel, "No wait, Mistress!"

Aiel chuckled softly, "Han Lin, so what is wrong? Are you are afraid?"

Han Lin seemed to look at everyone with a pleading look, "Something is not right, really! I...sense the presence of a dragon here..."

Aiel laughed it off, "You are too timid, Han Lin..."

But Han Lin looked into her eyes intently...

All of a sudden she froze; it was because she had suddenly remembered that Han Lin was a Dragon Practitioner and that she was one of the last of her kind!

Han Lin looked at the icy platform as she trembled, “It is still there but it is invisible...even I don’t know exactly where it is. But I can sense its presence with my Divine Draco Sense.”

Alice said quietly, “Interesting. It can even hide its presence from me so it must really be something.”

Isa was also looking intently at the icy platform as she gripped her divine sword, “The same goes for me as well.”

Yi Ping was also looking intently at the icy platform but somehow he had a familiar feeling that he could not describe as he looked blankly at the icy platform.

But he knew that they were just one step to overcome this level...

Yi Ping said all of a sudden, “Let’s go!”

Youxue smiled, “Finally! That is the Yi Ping that I know in the past! I have forewarned him not to go up to the Heavenly Mountains but he still ignores my kind warning!”

Yi Ping smiled awkwardly when he remembered the first time that he had met Youxue. At that time, he was just a naïve wanderer while she was already one of the fraternity most highly skilled exponents!

Lie Qing was also mocking pretentiously, “He has always been this daring. This is not his very first time!”

Lele was also laughing but she was also gripping her long scythe tightly; a battle awaited them and she knew that she must not be careless!

Meanwhile Asura was looking quietly at the icy platform as she warned quietly, “We don’t know what the boss monster looks like yet. And we don’t know where the divine dragon is yet. I have got a very bad feeling about this...”

Even Alice was nodding but the entire group was all natural combatants and they were actually relishing for the challenge, especially the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Celestial Alice!

They were actually throwing a secret challenge through their subtle expressions to each other!

Isa laughed softly as she dashed past Yi Ping to be the first one to step onto the icy platform!

Now that they were on the icy platform, they could feel that the cold bitter winds were picking up speed!

Once they had reached the middle of the icy platform, a wall of ice had suddenly burst up with a thunderous eruption from a mile around them and the icy platform was even colder than before!

A gigantic white ape and eight smaller monstrous white apes had spawned in front of them!

The gigantic white ape was around 10m in height while the smaller white apes were around 4m in height!

Their presences were immediately intimidating!

Alice warned aloud, "The boss monster is the Abominating White King Ape! It is extremely strong and agile!"

However Yi Ping's attention was not wholly on them as he scanned his surroundings, "The boss monster is not the divine dragon? But where is it?"

But his thoughts soon returned to these white apes when they had all suddenly charged at them with a startling speed!

In a blink of an eye, these white apes were upon them!

Yi Ping immediately shouted, "Split! Leave the biggest white ape to me!"

Alice and Isa had flashed next to him as they called out to him at the same time, "And us as well!"

But no sooner had they called to him, the Abominating White Ape King was already upon Yi Ping as it smashed its punch on the ground with a violent exploding burst of force that narrowly missed him!

Yi Ping had already split his Celestial Alice and at the same time he had

also displayed the Thousand Memories Swords as he displayed dozens of explosive repetitive slashes upon the Abominating White Ape!

The Goddess Isa had raised her Divine Constellation Sword as she lashed against the Abominating White Ape King with a series of purple flashing strokes!

Yi Ping had immediately recognized the intricate strokes that were displayed by Isa as her unique sword techniques; the Unanimous Quadruplet Hits!

The Goddess Celestial Alice blinked upward with a somersault flip; her forehead shone with a brilliant golden light as she raised her divine sword gracefully in her hands while muttering gently, "The sixth seal!"

Immediately she had slashed against the side of the Abominating White Ape with a powerful slash that immediately imploded six times with a shattering explosive ringing impact!

The Abominating White Ape King was knocked slightly off balanced by the Goddess Celestial Alice!

Even Yi Ping was slightly startled by the martial display of the Goddess Celestial Alice that had immediately sent several martial shockwaves throughout the vicinity!

Isa smiled wryly to Alice, "Isn't that a little overkill..."

The Abominating White Ape King had suddenly roared with a thunderous roar that was so shattering that Yi Ping was suddenly sent stumbling backward!

It was a fortunate thing that with his present martial internal strength, he was able to resist the martial outburst but still he was forced to cough out a bout of black blood as he forced himself to charge forward again.

But he did not have the chance because he had suddenly noticed that there was an overwhelming cold outburst that had exploded around the Abominating White Ape King that sent Yi Ping and Isa off balanced!

Only Alice managed to stand on her ground by displaying her Mystic

Stratosphere Divine Skill in a stunning outburst of exploding heated martial windforce!

The Abominating White Ape King jumped forward with stunning agility and had raised its fist to hammer Isa and Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled by it as he quickly dispelled the sword energies of the Thousand Memories Swords as he turned a brilliant golden when he displayed his newly acquired profound skill, the Golden Invincible Force as seven golden beaming globes surrounded him!

The gigantic size of the Abominating White Ape King, coupled with its brutish speed and strength would made its hammer punch a fatal blow for anyone!

And during that split second, the Abominating White Ape King had already made its move!

Yunzi saw it coming as she called out panicky, “Yi Ping!”

She quickly displayed her flying sword technique at the Abominating White Ape King but her flying sword was quickly deflected by the bursting outward force that was sweeping furiously from her target!

The Abominating White Ape King had jumped on top of Yi Ping with a thunderous landing crash on the ground that caused the entire icy platform to shake violently and just as it was about to plummet its fist at Yi Ping, Alice had flashed next to Yi Ping!

There was a thunderous impact and an explosive shockwave as Alice caught the full attack blunt of the gigantic Abominating White Ape King with her left hand!

Yi Ping was startled that Alice was able to hold the full blunt of the Abominating White Ape King with just a single hold of her hand and that the ground beneath her did not even appear to be affected by their titanic impact!

He gasped, “That is the martial strength of her Mystic Stratosphere Divine Skill?”

Alice said casually, “I am the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Eternal Goddess of the Three Known Realms. Bow before me!”

Even before Yi Ping could recover his reflexes and reacted, Alice had leapt upward and she seemed to be pulling the Abominating White Ape King along with her!

Before he even move his fingers, the Abominating White Ape King had come crushing down with an explosive thunderous impact onto the ground and Alice had pierced her divine sword through its skull with a startling golden piercing light!

Alice winked at Isa, “You seem a little slow today.”

Isa replied unhappily as she muttered, “The ground is too slippery or else it will be my kill. It unfair that it only goes after Yi Ping and I...”

As Yi Ping stood up slowly, the Abominating White Ape King was already slowly dematerializing slowly even before the mushroom cloud had yet to clear and everyone was already walking slowly to Yi Ping, Isa and Alice!

Yi Ping was relieved that everyone was able to handle their fights pretty well!

Barely had the battle had begun, it had ended!

Lele said melody, “It has been too easy. Don’t you think so?”

Lingfeng smiled as she took a quick at the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords who had all sported a stunned expression on them!

It was because this was the very first time that they had ever seen the Goddess Celestial Alice in action and it was almost surreal!

It was obvious that she was a class above the Goddess Asura, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang and even the Goddess Isa!

Like Yi Ping who was still looking at Alice with an astonished look, they were all staring at Alice with a look of disbelief!

The Lord Supreme took a look at Yu’Er and Mei’Er who had both

performed with equally astonishing class against the monstrous white apes as he muttered, "This is the boss monster of the 48th level and the strength of this boss monster must surely be enhanced by the size of our group but the Goddess Celestial Alice has just dispatched it in a blink of an eye..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords on the other hand was sighing softly because he had suddenly thought of the formidability of the Heavenly Kings that they had encountered.

He had suddenly realized that for these immortals, the lower levels of the Stellar Sanctuary were like taking a stroll for them!

Alice smiled enchantingly as if she could read everyone's thoughts, "It is not so easy after the 60th floor."

Yi Ping was smiling weakly as he continued to look at Alice awkwardly. He thought that with his current martial progression, he would be able to show off a little and to take the lead. But he had not expected in just a blink of an eye, he had been disadvantaged by the slippery ground and the startling formidability of this Abominating White Ape King!

Suddenly nine sparks of light had gathered from the dematerialized forms of the vanquished white apes and flew into Yi Ping with a startling speed, startling him!

But as soon as the nine sparks of light had entered into Yi Ping's body, it had disappeared!

Everyone was gasping at this bewildering sight and they were all exchanging curious looks!

They were however relieved that nothing unduly had happened to Yi Ping!

Lele probed, "What is that?"

Just as Yi Ping was about to ask the same too, he had suddenly noticed that there were two golden dragons on both his forearms!

Even before he could recover from his surprise, Lie Qing was gasping to



him. "Ping'Er, there is also a golden dragon on the back of your neck! What is happening to you?!"

Alice and Isa were both gasping while Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Me'Er, Ye Yin, Youxue, Xingyue, Yunzi and Aiel were all gathering panicky around Yi Ping as they crowded around him!

Han Lin was gasping as she stared at Yi Ping, "These golden dragons are the most sacred symbols of our clan..."

All of a sudden Isa took a look at Alice, "I...I recognize these golden dragons. Alice, do you remember as well?"

Alice took a look at the golden dragon motifs before she said nodded slowly as she began to move her fingers rapidly, "These golden dragons have come from the Dark Emperor Robe of the Dark Chaos Lord..."

Isa looked at Yi Ping quietly as she nodded, "That is right. It comes from the dark robe of the Dark Chaos Lord. It seems that the Dark Emperor Robe has once again returned to the side of its master..."

Yi Ping was looking at himself as he stretched his hands. He was trembling because this was a wholly familiar feeling that he had felt earlier!

He muttered, "The beckoning dragon roar that I have heard earlier actually comes from you?"

Alice looked at Yi Ping with an astonishing expression, "Yi Ping, this is indeed your Dark Emperor Robe but its physical form had long disintegrated. But because it is an immortal artefact, it can never be truly destroyed. And now you have become as one with it..."

Isa smiled beguiling at Yi Ping, "Yi Ping, you may not know this but do you know..."

She swept her glance at Lele and Youxue before continuing, "You can't choose to become one with an immortal artefact and only the immortal artefact can choose you. Only those who are really freaking lucky will become one with an immortal artefact. When that happens, it will always mean an elevated progression for that person. Not only that, that person

will also gain the inherent abilities of the immortal artefact!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I wonder what the inherent abilities of this Dark Emperor Robe are then...”

Alice smiled before replying divinely, “The Dark Emperor Robe is renowned for its Nine Heavenly Array Defense. You may stand to benefit a little from it. Unfortunately, the Dark Emperor Robe has lost its physical form or else its formidable defense will be able to aid you tremendously!”

Isa added with a shy smile, “Even Alice’s Ninth Seal is not able to wholly penetrate the Dark Emperor Robe so you can guess how formidable it is!”

When Yi Ping had heard that, he was a little disappointed. It was because if he had the physical form of the Dark Emperor Robe then he may be able to fight the Heavenly Kings on a more equal footing!

Alice smiled, “Maybe one day you may be able restore the physical form of the Dark Emperor Robe but I can tell you that it is even better to become one with the Dark Emperor Robe.”

Yi Ping had a puzzling expression, “Oh?”

Alice explained with a gently smile as she stole a glance at Isa, “If you are over reliance on the formidable defense of the Dark Emperor Robe then your state of divinity will never be able to progress. Moreover by becoming one with the Dark Emperor Robe, you have gained something that is even more formidable!”

Yi Ping muttered with a bewildering look, “Something that is even more formidable?”

Isa nodded as she laughed softly, “Let me tell you on behalf of Alice then! These nine golden dragons that are on your body now are able to replicate the natural fighting instinct of the Dark Chaos Lord. In other words, through them you will have inherited the fighting genes of the Dark Chaos Lord!”

Alice nodded, “In other words, you may become a true warrior-god that even the Heavenly Kings will have cause for concern!”

Yi Ping muttered, “A true warrior-god...but I don’t feel anything different...”

Alice smiled gently, “You will know when the time comes.”

# Chapter 185: The New Martial Grandmaster!

As Yi Ping and his group entered the shimmering portal into the next level of the Stellar Sanctuary, many of them were still stupefied by the stunning martial display of the Goddess Celestial Alice!

It was because when they had imagined themselves to be in Alice's position when the Abominating White Ape King's plummeting fist had come crashing down, they would instantly be flattened on the spot!

Alice had noticed their continuous stares as they appeared in a forested area. She smiled gently, "That is because I didn't want to waste time dispatching a minor nuisance when there is a bigger menace waiting for us. If there is a hidden opponent that is watching us to take advantage of us then we will really be in fine fix."

Isa agreed, "Aye!"

That was exactly what she was thinking as well!

Asura, Xiang, Ye Yin, Lie Qing, Yunzi and Youxue were also nodding as well!

Alice took a quick glance at the black monument that was next to them as she said gently, "It appears that we are on the 56th level now."

Yi Ping said, "We have traversed eight levels this time. Now we are more than halfway through the Stellar Sanctuary now."

He took a deep breath as he looked at the airy surroundings. There were high mountains and trees were dotting spaciously everywhere. It was a welcoming experience from the bitter cold environment that they were in earlier!

The Universal Old Man patted his belly, "I have always wondered what the Stellar Sanctuary is like when we are halfway through. Today, I am actually looking at it. It is such a strange feeling..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords said, "Same here. I have never got past

the 50 levels before either.”

The Lord Supreme was also nodding as he began to look at his surroundings just like the rest of the group.

Everyone was already asking the same question in their hearts; which way should they go now? It was because picking a direction to move forward in an open vicinity was unlike that of an enclosed passageway. The first thing that everyone was looking at was of course at the terrains and the hidden dangers!

All of a sudden a plummet of upward debris could be heard in the distance!

Immediately Yi Ping, Alice, Isa, Youxue, Shen Xingyue, Lingfeng and all the others said at the same time, “Let’s go!”

After all they needed a direction to go to and the commotion ahead was just the thing that got them started!

Lingfeng tapped her forehead gently, “Oh heavens! Why is that I am in a company of such daredevils...”

But she was actually one of the first to display her swift movement ahead of the others!

It seemed that she had given up on cautioning them!

The Universal Old Man was smiling bitterly as he panicky called out, “My Heaveness...wait!”

When they had all reached the vicinity where the commotion had started, they were startled by what they had seen. It was because hundreds of celestial and immortal practitioners could be seen gathering in the vicinity and their attentions seemed to be seized by several ensuing duels!

Maybe there were even more than a thousand of them!

Their expressions were all solemn; they paid no attention to Yi Ping and his group until they were within their visible sights!

What were they watching?

An old man was fighting a middle age immortal practitioner and had appeared to be toying around with him!

Yi Ping did not recognized the old man but he had immediately recognized that the injured immortal practitioner was the Skylord Jun, an Arhat Practitioner and he was also one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals!

He had not expected to see him so soon. It was because there were numerous gates in each of the level of the Stellar Sanctuary and it was almost impossible to encounter each other if the route that was taken was different!

Yi Ping naturally did not know that after they had parted, this Skylord Jun had actually ascended further up the Stellar Sanctuary, first to the 55th level and later to the 56th level!

Now that Yi Ping and his group had appeared, almost all the bystanders were now looking and gasping at the same time!

It was because their group was simply too hard to be unnoticed, drawing stares of admirations and awe as they walked quietly into their midst!

Yi Ping naturally knew that he was not the center of the attraction because almost all the crowd was muttering at the same time, "The Goddess Celestial Alice! She is here?! The Goddess Theocracy!"

And many of them had actually stepped aside out of fear!

But Alice said gently, "Don't be afraid. I won't eat anyone. You are all free to explore the Stellar Sanctuary now."

But instead of greeting her with excitement, the practitioners were quiet and they seemed to looking at her with pleading eyes instead!

The old man kicked Skylord Jun aside as he stared fiercely at Alice, "The Goddess Celestial Alice? The Empress of the Three Known Realms?"

Alice swept quickly with her glances as she replied coldly, "I am the Eternal Goddess of the Three Known Realms. I have never dared to

proclaim myself to be the Empress of the Three Known Realm!"

The old man smiled wryly, "What is the difference?"

By now, Yi Ping had already noticed that many of the practitioners were injured and there were even a few corpses!

He clenched his fists angrily as he stared at the old man!

The old man hummed coldly as he said, "Alice, why haven't you paid your full condolences to me yet? Have you forgotten who I am yet?"

Alice said quietly, "You are the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King..."

Yi Ping was startled that this old man was a heavenly king and he clenched his fists tightly. It was because it was all too obvious to him that everyone was held in fear by him!

There was a sudden laughter behind the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and a handsome refined man had stepped forward with his silver fan!

Yi Ping had immediately recognized him as Yong Le, who was the Right Protector of the Martial Deviant Clan!

Yong Le was laughing as he waved his silver fan and behind him were two other old men!

These two men had an equally fearsome aura as the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King!

Aiel gasped as she took a stumbling step backward, "The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King!"

Even Alice seemed to turn ashen when she had seen them!

Yong Le appraised the Goddess Celestial Alice as he laughed aloud, "So you are the Eternal Goddess of the Three Known Realms? You are indeed as heavenly and beautiful as they had claimed!"

Alice hummed coldly, "Insolent mortal!"

If he was not being surrounded by three Heavenly Kings, she would have taught him a lesson immediately!

Yong Le had also noticed Yi Ping, the Lord Supreme, Aiel and the

Immortal Saint of Swords as he laughed, "So it seems that I have some old acquaintances here."

By now, Yi Ping had already noticed that all the celestial practitioners that were presented here were actually all from the Martial Deviant Clan!

Aiel asked curiously, "You are Yong Le the Right Protector of the Martial Deviant Clan?"

Yong Le looked at her intently, "Wrong! I am Yong Le the protégé leader of the Martial Deviant Clan now. I have seen you before. You are the Celestial Mistress of the Celestial Aiel Sect. What a surprise. It seems that our clan fights have not ended yet..."

He waved his hands to point at the hundreds of celestial and immortal practitioners that were around him, "These are all my men! If you are wise, you should swear fealty to me immediately!"

Next he looked at Yi Ping and Isa wryly, "I didn't forget the two of you after you have left. You have left quite an impression on me. Likewise, I will give you an option to join me."

Yi Ping had already tapped Skylord Jun gently as he helped him to lift him, "Are you alright?"

Skylord Jun muttered, "We...are not their match...alas!"

Many of the immortal practitioners began to lower their heads in shame!

Yi Ping then looked at Yong Le, "What if I refuse to?"

Yong Le laughed, "Then don't blame me for being ruthless!"

Alice interrupted, "To think that our three Heavenly Kings will be willing to serve a lowly celestial as their master? What a joke!"

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King had been staring at Han Lin for some time or rather at the Green Dragon Sacred Sword that was by her side!

He seemed to be provoked by Alice as he smirked coldly, "Do you know who he is? Do you know that he is to be the next destined Great God?"



Yi Ping, Alice and all the others were startled!

Isa immediately said defiantly, “Rubbish! Because the next Great God...”

But she quickly kept quiet when she realized that it was none to wise to reveal what she had known about Yi Ping!

Yong Le laughed it off as he tapped the sword that was by his side. It was obvious that he was subtly trying to show off his divine sword in front of everyone!

“It seemed that I have forgotten to formally introduce myself to the newcomers.” He laughed again, “I am now the newly appointed Martial Grandmaster of the Martial Deviant Clan. And these people...”

He pointed to the rest of the bystanders, “...are all my newly recruited followers.”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King, Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King echoed at the same time, “That is right!”

Yi Ping and the rest of his group were all startled!

That was to say that even the powerful Heavenly Kings were willing to serve under this Yong Le? Just who was this Yong Le exactly and why did the all-powerful Heavenly Kings be willing to serve under a mere celestial practitioner?”

Yong Le was looking at Alice and all the rest of the maidens as though he could swallow them at any time as he smirked mockingly, “And the rest of you are welcome to join me. We will be one clan. We will be the most powerful celestial and immortal clan in the entire history of the Three Known Realms. What do you say?”

He waved his silver fan at the numerous dead, “Or do you want to suffer the same fate as them?”

Yi Ping, Alice, Isa, Youxue and many of their group hummed with contempt at this lofty suggestion!

Skylord Jun whispered to Yi Ping, “Alas, I don’t blame you even if you

yield. We are really not their match...but I rather die than yield to them..."

Yi Ping said gently to him, "I am not yielding either."

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang said to the Skylord Jun, "We, the Arhat Practitioners are going to prove that we have more backbones than those Zen Practitioners!"

She had already noticed that the majority of the immortals that were slain were the Arhat Practitioners.

When she had said that, immediately several more Arhat Practitioners and many of the Zen Practitioners began to shift closer to her side!

One Zen Practitioner even muttered, "Why are we being so afraid of them? The Goddess of Mercy is here and so does the Goddess Celestial Alice..."

Another said, "Even the Goddess Asura is also here..."

Yet another said, "Isn't that the Goddess Isa too? The Battle Maiden..."

"Surely, maybe we do stand a chance..."

Yong Le said coldly, "Don't ever think of it. Don't forget your sacred oaths to me."

Immediately everyone fell into deep silence!

Yong Le proceeded to laugh as he looked at Yi Ping and his group, "Like all the others, I am going to give you a chance. If you are able to defeat one of my respected protégé uncles here then you can leave or else you have to join me, provided that is, if you are able to survive the duel!"

At this point, Yi Ping did not know that Yong Le and his followers had been stopping everyone at every point of the Stellar Sanctuary to join his cause. However it was more like using everyone else as cannon fodder so that he would be able to ascend the Stellar Sanctuary without expending any real effort!

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at each of the Heavenly Kings, "They... are your protégé uncles?!"

Even Alice seemed to be shocked by it as she asked, “Just who are you?”

Yong Le waved his silver fan as he roared with laughter, “Just who I am? Just who I am? I may as well tell you so that you may cast away all others wishful dreams of opposing me. I am the next successor to the Great God Pangu!”

Alice immediately interjected coldly, “Rubbish!”

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King gave a cold smirk, “You have better believe it!”

Alice seemed to stare at Yong Le for a while before she said solemnly, “You...your sense...you have eaten the heart of a Heavenly King?”

Yong Le spread his arms, “So you can now tell that my state of divinity is now much higher than you, my Goddess Celestial Alice? Don’t worry, you will be my consort and we will share the Three Known Realms together!”

Alice hummed coldly as she said, “I despise the dark practitioners the most!”

Yong Le shrugged it off, “We have all eternity to get to know each other so I am not worried anyway.”

Isa interrupted coldly, “Shameless!”

Yi Ping had already stepped forward as he asked coldly, “You say that if anyone of us can defeat one of the Heavenly Kings, we can go free?”

Yong Le replied coldly, “Indeed!”

Yi Ping said coldly as he stepped forward, “Let me be the one that will be the first challenger then!”

Yunzi, Asura, Isa and all the others panicky tried to dissuade Yi Ping but he had brandished the Celestial Alice Divine Sword as he displayed the Heaven Forward Stance!

Yi Ping said gently to them, “Someone has to be first. Someone has to fight these evildoers.”

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King laughed aloud and as he laughed, trembling martial shockwaves could be felt by everyone. "Then let me be the one that will teach you a humble lesson!"

Yong Le fanned his silver fan with murderous intent on Yi Ping, "Very good, you are indeed courageous. I like that. Protégé Uncle, I hope that you will be merciful to him."

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King laughed, "Surely I will!"

Yi Ping was smiling bitterly. It was because he had experienced many wiles of the martial fraternity previously. It was obvious to him that this Yong Le was asking the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King not to show him any mercy and that he was praising him so that he would not back off of this fight!

Lie Qing muttered, "Be careful!"

Yong Le suddenly said, "Hold!"

Yi Ping growled, "What is wrong?"

Yong Le laughed, "We should make this fight a little fairer and exciting, don't you think?"

Yi Ping was puzzled, "What do you mean?"

Yong Le replied coldly, "You have such a big group here. If every one of you is to fight my protégé uncles one by one, won't it be unfair to them?"

Lie Qing and Lingfeng were both upset!

Lie Qing said coldly, "I doubt we can even wear down one of the Heavenly Kings on our own. Moreover it is a one to one fight!"

Lingfeng said sarcastically, "A fair fight? You can tell me about that."

Yi Ping said solemnly, "What do you propose?"

Yong Le clapped his silver fan with his hand as he answered, "I will propose a five versus five fight. How about the majority wins? Isn't it the fairest option?"

Yi Ping turned pale immediately as he said coldly, "You call this fair?!"

Yong Le laughed coldly, “Definitely. You are afraid and dare not take the challenge?”

Yi Ping tightened his grip on the Celestial Alice...

Yong Le waved his silver fan, “How about this? If your group manages to win, I will release everyone from their oaths to the Martial Deviant Clan and they are all free to go!”

Immediately there were several hundreds of mutterings from the bystanders!

Yi Ping immediately looked up, “Do you mean it?”

Yong Le laughed aloud, “For sure. This, you don’t have to worry. I have always been an honorable gentleman!”

Aiel said coldly, “This sort of things coming from a member of a major dark celestial clan really makes me creepy!”

Yi Ping lifted his eyes as he stared at Yong Le and the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King, “Then I will accept the challenge!”

# Chapter 186: The Fantian Sovereign Sword

Yong Le proclaimed coldly as he clapped his silver fan, "Very good! Then Yi Ping will be the first challenger from his group and the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King will be the first challenge from our group!"

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King hummed coldly at Yi Ping as he said simply, "I am the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King. You can make the first move!"

Alice quickly warned Yi Ping, "Yi Ping, be careful!"

While warning Yi Ping gently, she was at the same time looking despising at Yong Le!

It was because Alice loathed the dark practitioners. Moreover judging from the unearthly aura that she had observed from him, she had already gathered that he had eaten the heart of a superior Heavenly King!

There were altogether thirty-three Heavenly Kings and just one third of the Heavenly Kings were the superior Heavenly King. The three Heavenly Kings that they had seen today were actually the lesser Heavenly Kings but that did not made them any less dangerous than a superior Heavenly King!

Meanwhile Yi Ping had nodded gently to Alice as he eyed the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King, "I am Yi Ping. In that case I shall make the first move!"

He had leapt with a startling speed forward!

Lie Qing, Lele, Asura and all the members of Yi Ping's group were all looking anxiously at him as they all whispered, "Be careful Yi Ping... Ping'Er be wary..."

Quite a number of practitioners were also getting worried for Yi Ping as well. They had never seen someone like him before and his strong sense of righteous air instantly caused him to be likeable to the good and detestable to the evildoers!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King laughed aloud as he walked

unhurriedly to the front as he faced Yi Ping!

Everyone had holding their breath in anxious anticipation!

Yi Ping said aloud, "Remember! If you lose, you must keep the part of your promise to release your hold on them and..."

He emphasized, "...let them go unscathed!"

It was because he had already witnessed the freewheeling and manipulating tactics of his opponents too many times. He had to be sure and he had to make sure that they had little room to change their minds!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King hummed coldly, "Naturally."

Yi Ping looked coldly at Yong Le as he asked, "Really?"

Yong Le smiled coldly, "Naturally. This, you don't have to worry. Heavens and Earth are my witnesses!"

Yi Ping hummed coldly as he immediately displayed a readied stance as he eyed the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King with caution before he said, "I am going to attack soon!"

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King laughed it off, "Anytime, anytime..."

He had virtually shrugged off Yi Ping as a challenger!

But all of a sudden when Yi Ping had raised his sword to him in a startling flash, the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was startled by his explosive speed and martial power!

All of a sudden the dueling vicinity had suddenly burst into heated martial windforces as Yi Ping displayed the Asper Divinity while the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King had also raised his martial force as they clashed furiously and continuously!

Yi Ping was not surprised that the martial force of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was able to withstand the full blunt of his attacks. He was more surprised that he was still able to hold his ground against him!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King blurted out, "What the..."

It was because he was caught by the ferocity of Yi Ping's attacks and that when he had retaliated, this Yi Ping was still able to hold his ground against him!

He gave a loud martial shout as his left hand burst forth with a shimmering white glow and in the next instant he was already upon Yi Ping!

Yi Ping raised his left hand with his Asper Horizon and a thunderous impact exploded immediately!

Yi Ping was slightly shaken by the titanic martial power of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and he was forced to take two steps back!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was furious. It was because Yi Ping had taken the full blunt of his Divine Golden Thunder and had shown no sign of being affected by it!

Yi Ping thought to himself, "I...can do it...Lord Judas, Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong are all stronger than him..."

He was worried that their martial level difference would be too vast and he may not be able to withstand his opponent. But when he found out that he could at least par with the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King, his confidence level was given a boost!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was startled by the profound strength of Yi Ping's martial power as he thought silently, "This martial strength...is it the Martial Emperor Unifying Force?"

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King had failed to sense the Pangu Intricate Energy that was within Yi Ping because by now, it had completely merged into all his vital energies channels due to the forced emerging of the Thousand Memories Swords and the Golden Invincible Force!

Just as the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King had mustered his martial power to another new level as his forehead began to glow brilliantly, Yi



Ping had split the Celestial Alice into two as he made dozens of whirling forward strikes!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was startled but he retained his composure as he flurried dozens of powerful burst of explosive martial force in retaliation!

As they flashed around each other as they maneuvered with their rapid strokes, the entire vicinity was also enveloped with their martial shockwaves!

Everyone was gasping as they took sudden steps back to avoid the dangerous speeding pebbles that were speeding throughout the vicinity!

Lingfeng was gasping excitingly, "Ping'Er, he is on par with the Sovereign Thunder Sovereign Heavenly King!"

Lele was clasping Lie Qing's hands anxiously and she was covering her mouth while at the same time she was forcing herself to watch this dreadful duel!

Yunzi said quietly to the rest of the maidens as she flashed her sword with deadly precision as she parried the speeding projectiles aside, "Ping'Er will surely be alright and he will surely be able to overcome his adversary..."

Isa was trembling because his opponent was a Heavenly King, how could she not be worried?!

All of a sudden, her thoughts were interrupted by the great shout of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King, "You must surely be mistaken if you think that my Divine Golden Thunder is my only attack stance!"

He had all of a sudden increased his martial power as a sparking electric field seemed to be enveloping around him!

All of a sudden the head of Yi Ping's forehead began to glow a shimmering golden as he continued to increase his martial prowess!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King gasped all of a sudden, "The Seventh Cosmos Positioning?! What, you have actually elevated to the

seventh immortal stage?!”

All of a sudden he was sent flying backward and slamming onto the ground with a cracking thunderous impact as Yi Ping slashed and broken through to his golden body!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King coughed out blood as he got up panicky in shock, not knowing what was going on!

He was a little surprise that Yi Ping had remained where he was and did not follow up on his advantage!

He thought, “He...a mere immortal practitioner can actually breach my defenses?”

He was not the only one who was surprise, everyone else was gasping in shock when Yi Ping had suddenly overcome the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King!

Perhaps the most shocked had been Yong Le and the other two Heavenly Kings who were now staring in disbelief at the scene!

The Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King hummed coldly as he wiped away the blood at the tip of his mouth, “You should have tried to strike me when I am vulnerable. Perhaps you will still be able to stand a chance. But now it is really too late. You have really infuriated me!”

All of a sudden there was a powerful burst of racking thunderous martial force that erupted from around him as he leapt onto Yi Ping in a blink of an eye, “This is my epitome divine technique, the Divine Thunder God Strike...”

Alice gasped out, “Yi Ping, be careful! This Divine Thunder God Strike is able to emulate the lightning power of the Divine Calamity!”

The Goddess Asura, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy were all calling out to him, “Yi Ping, don’t take this technique headlong!”

As the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King leapt upon Yi Ping with an electric vortex, the divine swords that were in Yi Ping’s hands had suddenly burst into two golden radiance as Yi Ping displayed the

## Sanctorum Manifesting of the Celestial Alice!

There were multiple thunderous impacts as the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and Yi Ping were once again exchanging blows but less than ten thunderous impacts later, Yi Ping was slashing at the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King!

Or rather, not once, not twice, not just a couple of times but in a blink of an eye, he had slashed a whirling twenty times at the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and had sent him flying upward!

Everyone was stunned by Yi Ping's martial display!

And before everyone could recover from their stunned expressions, the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King had fallen onto the ground with a loud stumping crash, never to wake up!

All of a sudden Yi Ping swung the heavier Celestial Alice gently aside and immediately, all the dusts and martial windforces were forcefully dissipated; it was as though the fight had never happened!

Skylord Jun was staring blankly at the scene as he muttered with disbelief, "He has actually killed a Heavenly King...how is it possible..."

Yong Le, the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King were the most stunned!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King had raised his fingers to display into sword fingers as he shouted angrily, "You won't get away with this!"

Alice and Shen Xingyue both raised her divine swords to interrupt him but they were quickly swept aside by the overwhelming sweeping sword energies of the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King!

Alice scurried several steps back even as she cried out angrily, "The next round of the duel has not even started yet!"

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King shouted out, "It has started now!"

And he had jumped upon Yi Ping in the next instant as dozens of piercing sword energies began to explode around Yi Ping!

Even though Yi Ping was alarmed by the dozens of piercing sword

energies but he found himself acting in a totally calm manner. It was because he seemed to be able to predict the pathway of the maddening sword energies as he raised his divine swords to deflect or to evade all the sword energies without having to move from his original position!

This naturally did not happen from chance!

By now, he had finally attained the true Martial Unifying Theorem when he had merged with the Dark Emperor Robe and his fighting instincts were now awakened!

That was also the true reason why he was able to defeat the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King in such a short time!

It was because by the time Yi Ping had seen his strokes, he had already uncannily familiarized with it as though he had experienced it before!

Therefore Yi Ping had moved several strokes ahead of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and hence that was why it had seemed so bewildered to everyone when the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King had suddenly seemed to have lost his ability to guard against Yi Ping and even seemed completely defenseless!

But this Sovereign Wind Heavenly King was twice as swift as the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and Yi Ping knew that the same techniques would not be able to work against him.

Therefore as Yi Ping did a quick flip aside, he had mustered the Thousand Memories Swords and sent it flying towards the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King was startled, “What the...”

He quickly displayed dozens of sword energies through his sword fingers to dissipate the incoming flying swords but it seemed to have no effect! Finally he had to raise his physical finger to shatter the incoming immaterial swords!

He was really startled as he thought, “What sort of sword techniques are these?! Don’t tell me he has actually reached the divine state of materializing his imaginable swords?! Impossible! Not unless he has the

Pangu Intricate Force or else no one will be able to reach that martial divine state!”

All of a sudden Yi Ping was upon him in the next instant and had knocked him aside with two powerful display of the Heavens Encompassing Strike, stunning him!

He was so engrossed in destroying the immaterial swords that he had actually forgotten that his real opponent was Yi Ping and not these immaterial swords!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King rose to his feet almost immediately as he shouted to the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King, “Old man! What are you still waiting for? Hurry and bring him down together. With the two of us joining hands together, he can never be able to defeat us!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was startled by this request...

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King had already moved to fight Yi Ping once more but he still shouting to the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King, “Don’t you want to avenge for our brother?!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King flashed a murderous intent at Yi Ping as he unsheathed his immortal sword, “That is right. Why shouldn’t I avenge my brother?”

Alice, Isa, Asura, Aiel and Xiang turned ashen immediately!

It was because the immortal sword that was being used by the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was known as the Fantian Sovereign Sword, a well-known powerful immortal sword that even the Greater Heavenly Kings were hesitant to confront!

Yong Le was smiling as he waved his fan as he exclaimed wryly, “Oh dear, oh dear. Yi Ping is going to be a dead hero!”

# Chapter 187: The Eighth Immortal Positioning!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King had exchanged secretly with the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King via the Great Secret Whispering Skill before the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King had decided to join in the fight, “We got to join hands. I can feel that this Yi Ping isn’t that simple! Did you not see how that Yi Ping has killed the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King?!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King mocked, “I have told him many times not to underestimate his opponents. But he wouldn’t listen. Serve him right!”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King was getting impatient as he was still focusing on exchanging blows with Yi Ping, “Are you helping or not?”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King mocked, “Now you are biting more than you can chew now? You really think that I do not know that you want his heart for yourself so that you can elevate your immortal state?”

It was obvious that the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was unhappy with him for seizing the initiative to fight with this Yi Ping after seeing his Seventh Cosmos Positioning!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King whispered, “Hurry and give me a helping hand! You can have his heart after we have dispatched of him!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King whispered back, “Now you really got my interest!”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King quickly said, “But you got to give me the Green Dragon Sacred Sword!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King whispered back, “Fine. Since I have already got the Fantian Sovereign Sword, you may have the Green Dragon Sacred Sword then!”

These exchanges had taken place in secret via their Great Secret

Whispering Skill and because none of the other practitioners here were on their level, no one had known of their quick secret conversation which had taken place!

When Yi Ping saw that the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King had the intention of joining the battle and that he knew that his group would definitely join to protect him. That was what he did not want to happen because they were being surrounded by hundreds of opposing practitioners so this battle would definitely go against them...

Therefore he gave a mighty martial shout that instantly shook the entire vicinity, "Hold!"

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King smirked coldly as he stepped next to the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King, "What is it? Are you afraid?"

Yi Ping said angrily, "We have an agreement..."

Lie Qing walked over to tap Yi Ping gently on his arm as she turned to say coldly, "This is supposed to be a one to one duel so when did it become a two versus one duel? Moreover fancy two Heavenly Kings taking on a mere Celestial, aren't you shameful about it?"

Youxue was also saying, "There are so many eyes here and yet are all of you blind? Didn't we have an agreement earlier?!"

Hundreds of onlookers fell silence or lowered their gazes!

Lele did not mince her words as she scolded, "Despicable!"

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King hummed coldly, "He has killed our blood brother. What makes you think that I will let him off?"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King said coldly as he appraised Yi Ping anew, "He has to pay the price somewhat or another!"

The two Heavenly Kings were secretly looking at each other. It was because they had been isolated for so long and were used to get things their way that they had almost forgotten that they were in the presence of the other immortals!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was a little mindful of his

reputation so he said coldly, “Well, well, I have almost forgotten. To defeat him, there is really no need for the two of us to handle him together!”

Yi Ping said, “At least you have still remembered that!”

Yong Le laughed it off, “Sometimes in the thick of a battle, it is easy to forget about the trivial. Don’t put it to heart. We are naturally going to keep to our sworn agreements. Don’t you worry too much about it!”

The Sovereign Wind Sovereign King laughed aloud, “Indeed! It is all my fault that I have just barged in just like this. You must forgive me for my eagerness to avenge my blood brother. So that doesn’t count. Let the duel continues then!”

At the same time Alice, Isa and the other maidens had all quickly stepped next to Yi Ping!

Alice and Isa had a weird expression in their eyes as they looked at Yi Ping quietly...

What were they thinking?

It was because earlier when Yi Ping had retaliated against the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and had displayed the dazzling whirling strokes that had sent him to the death knell, they had recognized the signature attacking strokes of the Dark Chaos Lord himself!

Isa’s was lifting her trembling fingers to her eyes as she looked at Yi Ping’s back as she trembled while thinking, “You are really back now...”

Even though she had already known that Yi Ping was the reincarnation of the Dark Chaos Lord and was a better person than him but somehow, she just felt that Yi Ping lacked the arrogant confidence of the Dark Chaos Lord. And that arrogant confidence had come from the innate fighting prowess of the Dark Chaos Lord!

Alice was also gasping secretly, “Their body languages are virtually the same now...”

There were instant mutterings among the hundreds of practitioners as



they all looked at Yi Ping who was a mere Celestial that had killed one of the Heavenly Kings and who had advanced his Heavenly Eyes to the Seventh Cosmos Positioning!

They could not help feeling in awe of this Yi Ping!

Skylord Jun had already known that Yi Ping had attained the Seventh Cosmos Positioning in their previous encounter. But still he was still in awe of Yi Ping. Seventh Cosmos Positioning or not, Yi Ping was after all just a Celestial who had only just began to cultivate as an immortal practitioner. He had never expected Yi Ping to have killed a Heavenly King effortlessly right in front of them!

It was because the Heavenly Kings were protected by their impervious golden body and even if they had received a fatal wound, the wound would heal just as quickly!

Actually even Yi Ping himself was surprised by it. Before he had known it, the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King was killed by his relentless sword strokes!

Skylord Jun was muttering incoherently, “Just who are you...really...”

Alice had heard him and proclaimed with her divine voice, “He is an Immortal Hero! Yi Ping the Immortal Hero of the Three Known Realms!”

Everyone was gasping as they repeated after Alice, “Yi Ping...the Immortal Hero...of the Three Known Realms?!”

Yi Ping felt uneasy at his new title so he said quickly, “So which of the two Heavenly Kings will be my next opponent?”

All of a sudden, the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King, the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly and Yong Le were all laughing and their martial laughter rippled throughout the vicinity!

Yi Ping asked, “What’s wrong?”

Yong Le waved his silver fan as he said coldly, “Immortal Hero Yi Ping, have you forgotten that this is a five versus five fight and not an individual fight? You have already taken your place to fight so naturally

your group has to select another candidate to fight us! If you are unable to select another candidate then we will have to consider that you have given up on this duel!”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King smirked coldly, “I don’t mind if you want to give up the duel. Because you very well know that we will not let you off for killing the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King.”

Yi Ping was stunned. Indeed this was a five versus five duel!

Alice, Isa, Asura and the Goddess of Mercy said at the same time, “Yi Ping, let us be the next to fight. We may not lose...”

Alice was looking at Yi Ping’s with pleading eyes as though she was saying quietly to him, “I have already awakened my Seventh Cosmos Position. I may still stand a chance!”

She looked at Yong Le, the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King, “I will be your next challenger!”

Yong Le clapped his hands, “Good!”

Yi Ping sighed miserably. It was because he was reluctant to let Alice took any risk but there was nothing he could do, “Maiden Ziyan, you ought to be careful...”

Even though he had seen Alice’s level of martial expertise but he could not help being anxious!

Alice said quietly, “Don’t worry. I will not lose...”

Isa was anxious for Alice so she said quietly to her, “Be careful...”

Alice had never expected her one time rival to say this to her and knew that she had already put aside their differences. She smiled gently, “Don’t worry...”

Yi Ping sighed bitterly as he thought, “Why am I letting her taking the risk...because of honor or for righteousness? There are two other Heavenly Kings here. Even this Yong Le is on the level of the Heavenly Kings now. Must I lose any of them before I would regret my decisions?”

He clenched his hands tightly as he continued to think, “Now I feel like

the White Sage now, despite his wisdom, he had lost everyone...despite all my martial skills, I am helpless to take part..."

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye Yin and Lingfeng were looking quietly at Yi Ping. How could they not know his most innermost sentiments? They had only known him too well. He would rather take it all by himself than exposing them to dangers...

At the same time Lie Qing whispered to Yi Ping, "Ping'Er..."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at Lie Qing...

Lie Qing flashed her fingers at him and nodded at him!

Yi Ping was stunned; it was because he had recognized her hand gestures. She had indicated to him that she would be the next challenger after Alice. She was silently telling him that at her current 12th level in the Invincible Divine Force, she would be the best person after Alice to be a challenger!

Ye Yin muttered almost inaudibly, "Lie Qing, you are sure? Maybe let me go. I am a more nimble fighter..."

Shen Xingyue said firmly, "No! Let me go instead! I have never really contributed anything to our group..."

Isa said quietly, "I am the Battle Maiden. No one else is more suitable than me actually."

Yi Ping looked at these maidens and his heart felt like breaking!

The rest of the maidens, Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lingfeng, Asura, Han Lin, Aiel, Youxue and Xiang were all looking at Yi Ping too. In their hearts, they would surely volunteer to be the sacrificing lambs as all of them had long reached a common consensus with each other. Unless they had the confidence to volunteer, they would not because it was for the better good of their group!

They could not afford to lose each other in this battle!

Even if they would lose each other then it must be a noble sacrifice and they would only select the best among them!

That was why Lie Qing, Shen Xingyue, Isa and Ye Yin were volunteering!

Asura had restrained from volunteering because she knew that she got to protect her unborn baby at all costs!

Meanwhile, Alice had already walked to the dueling ground as she looked coldly at Yong Le and the two other Heavenly Kings, “Who is going to be my opponent?”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King laughed as he stepped forward while looking at Yong Le, “I will be your next opponent and naturally I will be extra merciful to you!”

Yong Le smiled, “The Goddess Celestial Alice is going to be my future consort. Be careful when you are handling her!”

Yi Ping immediately clenched his fists when he had heard Yong Le!

But Alice simply shrugged his comments off as she walked to the dueling ground. It was because she knew that her opponent was simply trying to provoke her to lose her cool.

As Alice walked forward, she had failed to noticed the lecherous stares that she was inviting from the numerous onlookers; it was because her dress was too short and her dress material was simply too revealing!

Ye Yin felt a little guilty for taking her outer garment...

Now that Yi Ping had seen the expressions that were on everyone, he was suddenly flushing as well. It was because after spending several days with Alice, he had overcome gotten used to seeing her in this manner...

The Universal Old Man was virtually salivating...

Alice said to the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King, “Shall I make the first move then?”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King smiled coldly, “You are my junior therefore I should let you have the first move!”

Alice said coldly as she lifted her divine sword, “Very well then...”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King mocked with a jeer, “Come one,

show me the best what you can do. Hehe!”

As Alice squared off the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King, the surge of their divine aura began to instill a sense of suffocating grasp on all the onlookers!

All of a sudden her forehead began to glow a bright golden, revealing her immortal attainment as that of the Seventh Positioning and at the same time, Alice had displayed her Mystic Stratosphere Divine Force as flurrying martial force began to encircle rapidly around her!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King turned ashen immediately as he stared coldly at her, “You...have already elevated to the Seventh Cosmos Positioning?!”

All the onlookers were gasping with shock!

It was already a miracle to find out that Yi Ping had attained to the mystical Seventh Positioning and now even the Goddess Celestial Alice had already attained this mystical immortal level!

Yong Le and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King appeared to be startled as well as they exchanged quick looks at each other; it was because Alice was on another level than Yi Ping. She was a true Immortal. If she was able to attain to the Seventh Cosmos Positioning then she was almost on par with the first generation immortals. Almost was still a far thing even by their immortal standards but the divine sword that was in Alice’s hand was another matter entirely!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King divined whispered to Yong Le, “The Seventh Seal, the Ultimate Destruction!”

Alice smiled wryly, “That is right! You are on the Sixth Positioning while I am on the Seventh Positioning. Your divine state may be higher than me but coupled with my Seventh Positioning and my immortal sword, we are more or less equal. Therefore the outcome of this fight is still uncertain!”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King hummed coldly, “Hmph! I have long mastered the divine state of being weaponless while possessing the weapon in my heart! Alice, you have really underestimated me! You don’t

have to call your buff anymore!”

Alice lifted her white golden long sword that was patterned with intricate designs of seven Golden Kirins along its white blade as she displayed a heaven stance.

Five of the eyes of the Golden Kirins along her sword appeared to be glowing and all of a sudden Alice had burst forth with startling speed at the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King as she displayed five explosive sword bursts as rippling martial force began to lash across the vicinity like a hurricane had just landed!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King laughed aloud as he displayed several explosive sword fingers, “Is that what you got?”

Immediately as the two practitioners fought, the entire ground began to break apart and everyone was forced to exercise their martial power to steady themselves even though they were all standing far away!

Alice shouted, “Sixth Seal!”

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King roared thunderously, “Good! Armor Piercing Sword Energies!”

Immediately the two practitioners were surrounded by dozens of explosive impacts that flashed all around them!

Yi Ping gasped anxiously but he could not see the extent of their fight; it was because he could only see two shadowy forms in a whirl of hurricanes and stirring a dust storm!

Just as everyone was holding their breath and were watching the fight nervously, a heavenly maiden with snowy white hair and purple eyes had walked quietly into the fighting ground!

Everyone was startled because Alice and the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King were fighting in the middle of a furious vortex with deadly speeding projectiles and lethal sword energies in all directions that made it impossible for anyone to come near them!

But this unearthly maiden had suddenly appeared out of the blue and

was standing in the middle of the furious vortex seemingly minding her own business!

Yi Ping was startled as he muttered, “Her eyes are scarlet? Who is she?”

Han Lin said playfully, “Your future consort, who else!”

Yi Ping was not amused as he smiled bitterly. He was really in no mood for any jokes so he turned to ask Asura, Xiang and Aiel, “Who is she?”

But Asura, Xiang and Aiel all gave him a most bewildered look as they all said at the same time, “I have no idea!”

All of a sudden this unearthly maiden was at the corpse of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King and to the horror of everyone, she had ripped the heart of the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King from his body!

Almost everyone had the same thought in their minds, “Dark Practitioner!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was enraged and it did not escape the notice of the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King too!

Almost immediately they had displayed their maddening strokes at this unknown unearthly maiden at the same time!

All of a sudden the forehead of this unearthly maiden began to glow with a purple radiance!

Purple radiance?!

The Goddess Celestial Alice was staring at this unearthly maiden. She was wondering should she use her Seventh Seal when this unearthly maiden had suddenly appeared!

Like the others, she was shocked at her appearance as she thought. “Purple radiance? Don’t tell me that is the Eighth Immortal Positioning?!”

To the stunned astonishment of everyone, this unearthly maiden returned dozens of earth shattering intricate strokes that immediately floored the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King with a thunderous impact!

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King was stunned with her speed as he shouted immediately, “Just who are you!...”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was about to ask the same too when he had suddenly noticed that his Fantian Sovereign Sword was missing from his grasp and it was now in her hand!

Before they could even recover from their senses, she was gone from their sight!

Just as Yi Ping was wondering where she had gone to, he had heard a quiet but beautiful divine voice from behind him!

He quickly turned around and was shocked to see that this unearthly maiden had appeared in their midst and was talking to the golden Kirin Cub, “Did you see? They have human forms but they are worse than dogs. Since they are worse than dogs then you are allowed to eat their hearts. So little one, don’t you want to become a divine beast? Here is your chance!”



# Chapter 188: The Great Desolate Goddess

Yi Ping was stunned by her sudden appearance behind him but he recovered quickly enough to raise his hands against her to try to grab the heart away from the golden kirin cub.

It was because he was thinking, "If Xiao Ping has eaten the heart then won't it become a dark beast?"

But this unearthly regal maiden simply knocked him back with a thunderous impact with a single blow from her hand as she forced down the heart to Xiao Ping!

While she continued to maintain her serene posture, Yi Ping was forced to scurry back by her martial strength as he gasped at her profound internal strength!

The unearthly maiden lit a smile as though she knew what was on Yi Ping's mind, "Only practitioners that can discern good or evil is able to thread the path between darkness and light. For a beast that has no concept of good or evil, the heart of a practitioner has no undue effect on them."

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and all the other maidens did not make a single move as they stared blankly at her!

All the bystanders had only one question in their mind, "Who is she?!"

Lingfeng murmured unhappily as she caught hold of Yi Ping, "You know that you are not her level and yet you are so bold as to challenge her. Are you trying to get fresh with her?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he said weakly, "Lingfeng, now is not the time..."

The unearthly regal maiden smiled gently at Lingfeng as she put down the golden kirin cub after feeding it, "You are Lingfeng? Aren't you the Heaveness?"

Lingfeng was startled, "You know me?"

The unearthly regal maiden nodded gently, "In fact, I know you better than you know yourself!"

This time Lingfeng was truly startled as she thought, "How is it possible?"

When Yi Ping saw the smile on the unearthly and regal maiden, somehow he knew that she had meant them no harm so he began to lower his palm and sword slowly...

At the same time the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was shouting aloud and his terrifying martial shout rippled like a shockwave in the vicinity, "Who are you? How dare you steal my immortal sword!"

To the disappointment of all the onlookers, the unearthly and regal maiden said coldly. "You are not fit to know my name!"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King said angrily, "If you still insist on your insolence then don't blame me later!"

The unearthly regal maiden had all of a sudden lifted the Fantian Sovereign Sword in a forward stance and immediately everyone was swept backward by a sudden explosive martial force in a 40m radius around her that sunk the ground 1 foot deep except for the ground underneath her!

Everyone was stunned at the display of her martial power!

The unearthly regal maiden said coldly, "It does seem that I am able to use this sword better than you instead. But if you think that you are able to seize this sword from my hand, why not give it a try?"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was stunned. Even though he did not know who she was but for her to floor them so effortlessly, spoke volumes of their martial level difference!

Naturally he was cautious as he thought, "Who is she? Why is that I have never heard of her before?"

The unearthly regal maiden hummed coldly, "You are not coming for your sword?"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was stunned by her dare and did not

make a move as he looked at the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King who was looking nervously at him. At the same time they were looking at Yong Le as well.

If they all attack her at the same time then would they not stand a chance?

But Yong Le was looking hesitant and so did everyone!

That was because none of them wanted to be the first to die!

At the same time everyone was also secretly looking at Alice, the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King and the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King; it was because they had already noticed that their minor wounds were already healed!

The Heavenly Kings and Alice were protected by their Golden Immortal Bodies and were almost impervious to all attacks. Even if they were slashed by divine weapons, it was difficult to hurt them as they were protected by an invisible emulating divine force of their Golden Immortal Bodies!

Even if someone was to forcefully bypass their divine force, they would still be protected by the invulnerability of their Golden Immortal Bodies which were highly resilient to attacks and depending on their martial level, even their fatal wounds would heal almost immediately!

To really hurt them, it would take plenty of martial strength and efforts. The Heavenly Kings of the Immortal Realm were all at the pinnacle of the immortal level and it was almost impossible to kill them without a prolong fight!

But today, Yi Ping had actually killed the Sovereign Thunder Heavenly King in such a short span of time!

And today, another unknown immortal had actually appeared out of the blue and floored them down so effortlessly!

And this unknown immortal had actually attained to the Eighth Immortal Ranking, an unknown level of immortal attainment that was unheard of!

The unearthly regal maiden gave a sudden wryly smile, "If you dare to step forward to claim the sword, I may well consider returning it to you. But too bad and too late!"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was speechless!

The expressions on Yong Le began to flinch!

The unearthly regal maiden smiled coldly, "Actually I must give you some praises. If you have dared to step forward, I may not be merciful towards you. Only a few among you is worthy to spar with me."

She began to point at those worthy, "You, you, you, you..."

She had pointed to Yong Le, Yi Ping, Alice, Asura, Lie Qing, Lele and Youxue!

Youxue and Lele were startled as they looked at each other as they said at the same time, "Um, we?"

Yong Le smiled coldly when Yi Ping was pointed right after him!

He raised his eyebrows when this unearthly regal maiden had suddenly pointed to Lie Qing, Lele and Youxue!

That was because he had obviously thought of them as beneath him!

So he smiled coldly as he addressed the unearthly regal maiden, "I am Yong Le the Martial Grandmaster and future successor to the Great God Pangu. So who do you think is the strongest and weakest among the seven of us?"

The unearthly regal maiden smiled coldly, "Who is the strongest is still a little hard to say but I do know who is the weakest among you."

Yong Le laughed softly, "Then I will very well like to know who it is so that person won't become a hindrance to us."

The unearthly regal maiden smiled, "It obviously that the person is you. Why are you insistent on asking such an obvious question?"

Immediately, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lele and Han Lin were smiling as they exchanged playful looks!

Yong Le was shaken as he gasped in disbelief as he looked at Youxue, Lie Qing and Lele, "Impossible...I am the weakest? There must be a mistake. It must be a trick!"

The unearthly regal maiden smiled coldly, "Think whatever you like. So is there anyone else that still wants to take this Fantian Sovereign Sword from my hands?"

No one said anything even though there were more than a thousand potential practitioners looking covetously at the Fantian Sovereign Sword!

The unearthly regal maiden looked at Yi Ping, "You have raised your hands against me earlier. Don't you want to lay your hands on the Fantian Sovereign Sword?"

Yi Ping gave a hesitated look at her before saying, "That is not my intention at all..."

The unearthly regal maiden scoffed softly, "Or are you afraid to try?"

Yi Ping was smiling bitterly, "I am not your match."

The truth was that he was trying very hard to suppress his urge to spar with her; all the maidens in his group know by now that he was more passionate in sparring with them than engaging in romantic talks!

But these maidens were wily as well. They would constantly entice Yi Ping with their secret strokes and techniques so that he would actually spent more time with them than the other maidens!

The unearthly regal maiden smiled enticingly, "But why is that your eyes and heart are telling me otherwise?"

Yi Ping smiled most bitterly...

The unearthly regal maiden looked at him intently, "You think you have a chance against me then?"

Yi Ping said quietly, "You are not invincible for sure!"

Everyone was gasping at Yi Ping's boldness!

The unearthly regal maiden raised her eyes at Yi Ping with interest,

“Oh?”

Yi Ping did not cower from her piercing gaze and instead said, “The Heavenly Kings are really formidable and I am thinking how it is possible for them to be floored on the ground so easily. Then I have noticed that their movements are slightly slower than usual. I am guessing that they are affected by your purple radiance of your Eighth Immortal Heavenly Eye. But it seemed that...”

He took a glance at Alice before saying, “That practitioners of the Seventh Immortal Heavenly Eye are not affected.”

The unearthly regal maiden appeared to be startled as she re-appraised Yi Ping once again before she said quietly, “What sharp eyes you got!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King and the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King began to look at each other with startled expression!

So that was why!

But even then, that was not the only difference between them for this unearthly regal maiden was truly formidable even without revealing her Eighth Immortal Heavenly Eye!

Yong Le hummed coldly as he stared at Youxue, Lele and Lie Qing, “The Goddess Celestial Alice and this Yi Ping, I can understand but the rest of them, I can crush them effortlessly!”

The unearthly regal maiden smiled gently, “Oh really? Why don’t you try? Your duels have not ended yet.”

She seemed to be looking at Youxue before she turned to look at Yong Le again.

Yong Le hummed coldly, “And on whose side are you on?”

The unearthly regal maiden smiled gently, “Are you worried that I may be helping them? This, you don’t have to worry at all. I am only here to watch the outcome of the duels. So, what are all of you still waiting for? I give you my word that I will not interfere with the duels in whatever so!”

Yong Le waved his silver fan as he said to the Sovereign Wind Heavenly

King, "So what are you still waiting for?"

The Sovereign Wind Heavenly King heaved a soft sigh as he muttered, "We still do not know who she is. How can we be sure that she won't turn upon us at the first opportunity..."

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King said coldly, "She has just stolen my Fantian Sovereign Sword and ripped the heart of our..."

All of a sudden the unearthly regal maiden lifted her fingers and there was a sudden malevolent aura around her, "You have the audacity to raise your sword against me and you are lucky that I am in a good mood today..."

Alice had blinked next to Yi Ping as she looked intently at this unknown unearthly regal maiden before gasping out in alarm, "Just who are you?"

At the same time the two Heavenly Kings were gasping, "Just who are you!"

It was because almost all the immortal practitioners had turned ashen immediately!

Yi Ping was curious; it was because even though all these immortals were not able to recognize her but when she had accidentally displayed her aura unintentional, they seemed to have somewhat recognized her!

And half of the immortals had actually unsheathed their weapons or readied an offensive martial stance!

Asura was also calling to Yi Ping as she lifted her divine staff, "Yi Ping, be wary of her. She is our enemy!"

Even Isa had unsheathed her divine sword as she stepped forward, "You are not supposed to be here!"

Yi Ping stammered out in bewilderment, "Who...is she?"

Alice said coldly, "We mustn't let her leave with the Fantian Sovereign Sword or else it will spell disastrous for the Immortal Realm!"

Even Yong Le was startled by the reactions of the immortals!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King said quickly to him, "Leave the duel for later. She is our common enemy! If we don't get rid of her then we will all be in trouble!"

Yi Ping said aloud, "Wait a minute! All of you are ganging against a lone maiden..."

Lingfeng deliberately stepped on his foot as she shot him a cold look, "She is not what she has appeared..."

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King pointed his fingers at her, "You have better be honest with us! That is the Great Desolate Force, am I right?"

There were several mutterings and gasping from the rest, "The Great Desolate Force?! What is that?"

Yi Ping could tell that all the immortals were disturbed by it!

Aiel whispered to Yi Ping, "She is an Ancient Desolate Immortal..."

Yi Ping was startled, "Ancient Desolate Immortal?..."

Aiel nodded quickly as she continued to keep a watchful eye on this unearthly regal maiden, "Right. In the beginning of time, the Great God Pangu had tamed the Great Desolate Force with his Universal Force and had sealed the Ancient Desolate Immortals with the Ancient Immortal Artefacts. They are not supposed to appear since no one really knew where are the Ancient Immortal Artefacts are...unless the seals on the Ancient Immortal Artefacts are broken!"

All of a sudden Aiel gasped softly as she took a look at Youxue as she thought, "The Divine Nine Cauldron! That is an Ancient Immortal Artefact! No wonder she keeps looking at Youxue!"

The unearthly regal maiden smiled wryly, "Why all the hostilities? Shouldn't the whole lot of you be respectful to an Ancient Desolate Immortal? Oh, I have not revealed my name yet. Very well, you can address me as the Great Goddess Nuwa!"

"The Great Goddess Nuwa!" Everyone was gasping!



Yi Ping and many of the non-immortals were startled; in fact they were a little confused!

The Universal Old Man was looking at the Lord Supreme with a stunned expression, “The Great Goddess Nuwa? The Great Goddess Nuwa that had melded the Heavens?”

Accordingly to ancient legends, there was an ancient battle during the times of desolate that caused the Heaven to shift to the northwest, causing the sun, moon, stars and planets to shift in that direction thus causing watery floods and mounding soils would subside in that direction.

The Great Goddess Nuwa were said to have killed the Black Dragon, stopping the desolate floods and firestorms by melding the azure skies, pacifying the Great Desolate Force by sealing it into the ten Ancient Immortal Artefacts!

Yi Ping asked curiously, “The Great Goddess Nuwa that had melded the azure skies and saved the world? The Great Goddess Nuwa that had sealed the Great Desolate Force by sealing it into the ten Ancient Immortal Artefacts?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa flashed Yi Ping an amused look, “You are the first one that heap upon me with so much praises. Are you trying to be my henchman?”

Asura whispered quickly to Yi Ping, “You got it all wrong! She is one of the Desolate Gods and Goddesses that had upset the great balance by releasing the Great Desolate Force. That is why the Great God Pangu had sealed them with the Ancient Immortal Artefacts...in the Immortal Realm, we call her the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa but she has faded into legends and is forgotten...”

The Great Goddess Nuwa smiled when she had heard Asura, “The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa? That is such an awesome title. Very well then, that will be my new immortal title. From now on, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa shall be the supreme ruler of the Six Realms!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Six Realms? There is only three...does she mean it figuratively?”

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had flashed next to Youxue, startling her as she whispered softly. “Come with me!”

Youxue flashed a cold look, “But what if I refuse?”

Youxue immediately raised her penetrating hands and there was an almighty shockwave as the two of them exchanged briefly!

She quickly displayed the Divine Emerald Force to steady herself as she took a step back while thinking, “I can withstand her? Good...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, “Not bad but how about this?...”

Yi Ping had immediately raised his sword as he shouted, “Youxue!”

Shen Xingyue, Isa, Lie Qing, Lele and Alice were already upon the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as dozens of strokes were exchanged and the aftershocks were alarming!

Shen Xingyue had displayed dozens of epitome sword strokes, the Starlight Fingers and the Big Dipper Hands but still, together with Alice, Youxue and Yi Ping, they still could not gain an advantage over her and before she knew it she was dealt a blow that sent her flying backward!

She was quickly caught by Ye Yin!

As she looked up, even Lie Qing, Isa and Lele were sent flying backward leaving only Alice, Youxue and Yi Ping!

She was startled as she wondered, “Youxue is still standing? It seems that this Great Goddess Nuwa is particular lenient towards Youxue...”

Yi Ping had unleashed dozens of sword strokes on the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa but all his sword strokes were immediately parried with unbelievable ease with just a few simple movements!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa raised the Fantian Sovereign Sword as she said with irate, “I don’t want to kill the first person that heap praise upon me but I don’t like a person that offend me with such killing intent!”

She had imbued the Fantian Sovereign Sword with her martial power

and it had turned a bright hue as she slashed at Yi Ping!

Alice had raised her divine sword to interrupt the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as she rained down twelve explosive impacts but all her attacks simply fluttered off her harmlessly!

Yi Ping could feel a piercing force that had already ran through to him; even before her sword stance was even upon him, he could already feel the sword will of this particular stance that could kill him on the spot!

He raised his two Celestial Alices as he unleashed whirling torrents sword slashes to halt this incoming attack even as he was forced to take alarming steps back to block it!

This plunging headlong piercing of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa may look simple but no matter how Yi Ping had tried to deflect her straight thrust, she would always deflect his powerful slashes with a slight turn of her sword!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had taken eight steps and Yi Ping had moved back seven steps; in just a blink of an eye Yi Ping had already unleashed dozens of torrential whirling slashes, the Thousand Memories Swords, including the Fatal Masterstroke and the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Stroke but still he could not halt her advance. He was stunned by the startling intricate strokes of her swordplay!

Moreover while she was moving forward attack him, she was also fending off Alice and Youxue at the same time!

In truth, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as equally startled as she had expected him to be fallen by the time she had taken three steps forward!

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa leapt forward and had slashed Yi Ping with a thunderous explosion across on his chest!

But to the startling surprise of all the eyewitnesses, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had coughed out blood as she was sent scurrying backward in shock as she gasped, "The Universal Force..."

And at the same time the Fantian Sovereign Sword had left the grasp of

her hands and had flown into the ground next to Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was protected by his Golden Body and at the last crucial moment, he had mustered all his martial power to display the Golden Invincible Force as six beaming golden spheres surrounded him!

Even though he had received a critical wound but the Golden Invincible Force had quickly closed his wounds.

He endured the grueling pain as he squared off the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa in shock; it was because even for him, he did not know what had exactly happened in the final moments. He had received a fatal slash and all of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was thrown off balance, even losing the grasp of her sword in the process!

Even Alice and Youxue were startled but they did not press on their attacks on the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa since the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had already halted her attacks. They simply had no confidence of defeating her and they were equally curious to learn what had exactly happened!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yi Ping, “You...are the Great God Pangu?”

Immediately there was a large commotion that had suddenly erupted from everyone as they began to exchange furious and startled shock between themselves!

Yong Le was shouting, “Rubbish! I am the real Great God Pangu! I am the real God Pangu. They are obviously in cahoots with each other!”

He stepped forward to say to the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King, “She is injured now. Now is your chance to take her down and to seize back the Fantian Sovereign Sword...”

Yi Ping was muttering, “What is going on?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lifted her trembling fingers as she said almost audibly, “I shouldn’t have used the sword of the Great Goddess Fantian against the Great God Pangu. In the end, I am injured by the Universal Force of the Fantian Sovereign Sword when it has

awakened...”

Yi Ping was startled as he asked curiously even though he was not expecting the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa to answer him, “The Fantian Sovereign Sword has awakened? What does it mean?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at him intently before saying, “You are now the new master of the Fantian Sovereign Sword now. There are two seals on the Fantian Sovereign Sword, the divine awakening and the sanctorum awakening. The blood of the Great God Pangu will unseal the divine awakening while the blood of my Great Desolate Force can cause the sanctorum awakening.”

Yi Ping took a look at the beaming Fantian Sovereign Sword that was just within his hand grasp and it seemed to be beckoning to him. He muttered, “This immortal sword is the Fantian Sovereign Sword. Shouldn’t it be the blood of the Great Goddess Fantian that is required to break the first seal?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly, “This Fantian Sovereign Sword belongs to the Great God Pangu and not the Great Goddess Fantian...”

Yi Ping was startled and just as he was about to ask further, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa continued. “The Great God Pangu and the Great Goddess Fantian both has an immortal sword that they named after each other...”

By now Asura and Aiel were also by Yi Ping’s side as they whispered to him, “It is said that the Icy Heavenly Divine Sword is the immortal sword of the Great Goddess Fantian, so named after the demise of the Great God Pangu. It is also called the Heavenly Earth Sword to commemorate the parting of the Heavens and the Earth by the Great God Pangu...”

Yi Ping thought as he touched the hilt of the Fantian Sovereign Sword, “So that is why...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa raised her translucent scarlet robe as she smiled coldly, “So today there are two Great God Pangu. Apparently, one is a fake and the other is the real. Farewell!”

She divine whispered to Yi Ping, “When I have recovered from my injuries, I will surely come back for you...”

She had also divine whispered to Youxue, “You have with you, the Divine Nine Cauldron and I can teach you to harness the Great Desolate Force to further your attainment. It will be a pity if you let your potential be wasted just like that...and thank you for breaking my eternal prison...”

All of a sudden she began to flash out of her encirclements!

Yong Le shouted, “Don’t let her get away!”

Immediately hundreds of practitioners began to step forward to intercept her, including the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King and the Sovereign Cloud heavenly King!

But the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa simply floored them back with her martial force even as she said coldly, “If I want to leave, none of you will be able to stop me. If you value your lives, step back!”

She turned around as she struck the forehead of the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King with her fingers, “I have warned you already. I won’t be merciful the next time round!”

Immediately the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King screamed aloud as he was flung to the ground in a great thunderous impact!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King gasped as he called out panicky, “Brother, are you alright?”

But as the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King tried to move his lips, all of a sudden his head had exploded much to the horrors of all the onlookers!

The head was the most guarded and the most impervious portion of the body but yet this Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was able to stab him on his forehead and channeled her Great Desolate Force into him in such a short time to explode his head, this was indeed extremely shocking!

Not to mention that the victim was a first generation Immortal!

Yi Ping shivered at her cruelty and he began to gasp silently as he recalled her earlier unblockable technique, “I have almost become like

the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was gone in a flash. It was not that everyone was intimidated by her but she had simply moved away too fast!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King had flown in a burning rage as he stared at Yi Ping and his group, “I will be the next challenger! So which of you will be next?!”

# Chapter 189: Dual Divine Harmonizing!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King had already flashed toward Yi Ping with a burning malevolent aura, “But first, you got to return me my sword!”

Yi Ping was already grasping the two Celestial Alices in his hands and he had been staring at the Fantian Sovereign Sword for some time as he wondered, “I have already handling two swords in my hands, do I have a third hand to handle another sword?”

But when the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King had suddenly attacked Yi Ping, he simply combined the Celestial Alice into one again and grabbed the Fantian Sovereign Sword!

The Fantian Sovereign Sword felt surprising light in his hands and as the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King closed in to him, he began to display his Perfect Swordplay with his dual wield swords!

Alice and Youxue nodded to each other as they actually stepped aside for Yi Ping and the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King to fight it out with each other!

As Yi Ping lifted his swords forward in a whirling torrential slashes, white and gold streaks sped around him as he clashed furiously against the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King!

Yi Ping had only unleashed a torrential of 24 slashes before he stopped; it was because the Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King was not able to withstand his hits and had already slammed onto the ground with the thunderous impact, stunning everyone!

It was because not only did this duel ended quickly but they had all noticed that Yi Ping was fighting with his eyes closed!

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King coughed out blood as he trembled weakly, “You have won...you have won...if you don’t end me now, you will surely regret it later!”

But Yi Ping simply said, “You may go but for this Fantian Sovereign



Sword, you can't take it away. Even if I would like to return to you, you know that it is impossible for I have already divine harmonized with it."

Youxue laughed softly, "Ping'Er, you can divine harmonize with two divine swords? What is the Sanctorum Manifesting ability of the Fantian Sovereign Sword?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Later I will tell you..."

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King got up weakly as he stared at Yi Ping, Alice, Isa before looking at Yong Le, "Alas! I have truly lost and two of my sworn brothers are also no longer around..."

He looked at Yi Ping as he bowed with his hands respectfully, "I have never respected anyone before in my life, not even the other Heavenly Kings or the Jade Emperor! But today I am truly convinced!"

All of a sudden he gave a martial shout as he mustered his martial power as he flashed toward to the corpse of the two other Heavenly Kings as he lifted them up, " "Even if you have died, I will never allow anyone to defile your bodies further..."

He turned to look at Yong Le, "Farewell!"

Yong Le was stumped as he quickly said, "Have you forgotten how I have helped you to overcome the Jade Pagoda Heavenly King?"

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King hummed coldly, "I have not forgotten. In return, I have helped to deliver his heart to you! We are only in here together because we want to make use of you to reach the top of the Stellar Sanctuary..."

He paused for a while to laugh aloud, "But we have overestimated ourselves too much. If we can form an alliance then won't the other Heavenly Kings make their own alliances? Moreover..."

He turned to look at Yi Ping with a soft sigh before continuing, "Moreover, with the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa being loose in the Stellar Sanctuary, there is not a chance to reach the very top. So farewell!"

Yong Le said coldly as he waved his silver fan, "What if I refuse to let

you go? Do you think that you can escape from our encirclements at your current condition?”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King hummed coldly, “You can try but trust me, it won’t be easy!”

Yi Ping said quietly, “Old Senior, you can leave in peace! I will cover your back!”

The Sovereign Cloud Heavenly King smiled as he nodded, “Farewell, Immortal Hero!”

As he walked away, he turned around to appraise Yi Ping again before whispering almost audibly, “Or should I call you the Great God Pangu...”

He gave a smile before he turned around once again to display his movement swiftness skill!

Yong Le shouted, “Stop him!”

But none of his men made a single move!

Yong Le shouted, “Are all of you rebelling against me? How dare you!”

An Immortal among the bystanders said coldly, “My Lord, have you forgotten that the duels between Yi Ping and us have not ended yet? If you still cannot send a good representative forward then we may consider that you have conceded instead!”

Another Immortal said coldly, “We are forced to join you only because you have the backings of three of the Heavenly Kings but it seems that you are now on your own!”

This Immortal was even more blunt than the others!

Yong Le hummed coldly, “Don’t forget that I still have five hundred fighters here and that I have eaten the heart of a Heavenly King!”

Yet another immortal scoffed, “What is the point of consuming the martial essence of a Heavenly King when your state of divinity is still at a lowly state?”

And yet another immortal said among the bystanders, “My vows to my

clan come first. That is to exterminate the dark practitioners!"

Yong Le turned ashen. These Immortals were all indeed rebelling now that the Heavenly Kings were no longer around. He cursed silently at their double standards!

He turned to look at the six other leaders of their respective clan, "What are you waiting for? Hurry and volunteer yourself or your fighters for the duel!"

The Skylord Jun said wryly, "We are still waiting!"

Lie Qing had already stepped forward as she stroked her long braided hair, winking at the celestial clans on the side of the Martial Deviant Clan, "I will be the next challenger. So who is going to be my challenger?"

Yi Ping gasped out, "Qing'Er, be careful..."

Lie Qing fingered with her Eternal Light as she laughed softly, "I am a mere Golden Celestial. There is nothing to be afraid of, am I right?"

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lele and all the maidens were laughing and whispering among themselves!

Yong Le shouted, "She is just a Celestial and not an immortal. What are you afraid of? If you can defeat her, you can have her divine sword! Are you afraid of a mere maiden?"

An old celestial who was the elder of the Heartless Manor had stepped forward with his long sword raised as he said coldly, "Then let me be the challenger!"

Immediately there were several shouts of encouraging praises from the crowd that was with the Martial Deviant Faction!

This old celestial was Old Sword Sage Ning who was also a powerful sword practitioner. When he saw that his opponent was just a mere Celestial, he was quick to step forward as he looked covetously at her divine sword!

He could see that the divine sword that was in her hands was truly a fine divine sword!

The Lord Supreme quickly warned aloud, “He is one of the super exponents of the Celestial Realm and is not to be underestimated!”

Even the Immortal Saint of Swords was also warning, “His sword techniques are no less comparable to mine!”

The Universal Old Man grumbled, “Isn’t that giving too much praise to your opponent? Maiden Lie Qing is not weak either!”

The Immortal Saint of Swords laughed softly, “We shall see!”

Old Sword Ning said coldly, “I am Old Sword Sage Ning, elder of the Heartless Manor.”

Lie Qing appraised him with a smile, “And I am the Heavenly Temptress, consort to the Lord of the Tranquil City!”

Yi Ping began to flush slightly as he had suddenly noticed that the other maidens were all looking at him as they whispered behind his back!

He immediately thought, “Qing’Er, you are intentional poking fun at me. Why did you introduce yourself as my consort? Alas! I will settle this with you later...”

But all of a sudden he stopped because he had suddenly noticed that Lie Qing was winking at him as though she was challenging him to settle this score with her later!

Old Sword Sage Ning said coldly, “My swordplay is the Lethal Heartless Swordplay. My sword energies is capable of hurting from a feet away. Don’t blame me if you have any mishap later!”

He proceeded to lift his sword and immediately, piercing cold sword energies began to envelop his sword!

Lie Qing appraised this Old Sword Sage Ning as she too, lifted her sword up as she displayed the sword energies of the Fatal Masterstroke. Her sword energies display was even more stunning than Old Sword Sage Ning as ringing humming sound began to vibrate around her and the grasses that were beneath her had suddenly all turned to tiny ashes!

Old Sword Sage Ning had suddenly turned ashen; it was because even

though they were still standing far away, he could already feel the piercing sword energies of her divine sword!

Lie Qing looked at the Old Sword Sage Ning with her mesmerizing eyes, “Are you waiting for me to attack or are you going to attack first?”

Old Sword Sage Ning had virtually broken into a cold sweat as he stammered, “You are a junior. I shall give you the benefit of three strokes...”

Lie Qing giggled softly, “Three strokes? Did you say three strokes? I was actually hoping for more. Oh very well then...”

All of a sudden her divine sword began to envelop with twelve hovering burst of sword energies as she displayed the second technique of the Flawless Energies Sword, the Slashing Crucifixion!

Yi Ping was looking excitedly at Lie Qing as he gasped to himself, “She has actually merged her Invincible Divine Force with the Flawless Energies Sword! I wonder if I am able to fight her...”

He had already made up his mind to challenge Lie Qing later!

Old Sword Sage Ning had taken a step back and he was trembling as he witnessed the physical sword energies that had gathered around her sword!

He gasped, “She has actually progress to the sword energies level of attaining the physical form of the sword energies...the divine stage of the formless becoming the form...”

Even Alice, Isa, Xiang and Asura were all gasping!

Lie Qing smiled, “I am going to disperse my sword energies to you now. Are you ready to receive my first stroke?”

Looking at the number of sword energies that had already formed and that was only the first stroke, Old Sword Sage Ning immediately bowed with his sword to say. “I...concede!”

He lowered his head in shame as he quickly returned to his followers!

Lie Qing asked, “So it seems that I have won? And without a fight! So it

seems that we have already won a second time! One more to go!"

Yong Le was hoping mad as he shouted furiously, "You are all useless! Anyone else?"

Priest Xun the protégé leader of the Brilliant Access Clan who had previously fought with the Goddess Isa looked nervously at the direction of the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords as he said hesitatingly to Yong Le, "I think we have better give it up. We may have the numbers but many of us are seriously wounded. With the guidance of three Heavenly Kings, we are lucky to make it this far. Out of two thousands, barely seven hundred have now remained..."

He looked nervously at the three hundred Immortals that were all giving their group a hostile look. It was as though they were all waiting to rip their group apart once this duel had ended!

As Yong Le stared coldly at Yi Ping and his group, he began to realize that he was suddenly in a dire situation that was totally unfavorable to him!

As a master schemer, he was not stupid to quickly realize his situation once he had cooled down!

So he smiled bitterly, "If we give up this duel then can we have a safe passage?"

Alice said coldly, "So you are afraid now?"

Yi Ping said quietly, "There are plenty of undesirable deaths today. Can we let them go?"

Alice sighed softly as she lowered her gaze, "If the Immortal Hero wants to let them go so be it then!"

She looked at the other immortals, "Are the whole lot of you agreeable?"

Skylord Jun hummed coldly, "That is too cheap for them. The deaths of my fellow Immortals have to be avenged but I am willing to put it aside for only today since the Immortal Hero has made this request!"

All the other Immortals were all incessant muttering, “Only for today! We will abide by the request of the Immortal Hero!”

Yi Ping was only too relieved for he did not want to see any more deaths for today so he quickly said, “You may go in peace now!”

Yong Le immediately turned around to march off!

All of a sudden Yi Ping had leapt behind Yong Le as he shouted, “Hold it!”

Yong Le turned ashen as he froze in his tracks!

He tried to ignore Yi Ping but he had suddenly realized that he was no longer able to take a second step forward. It was as though he was being held in place by an invisible force!

Yi Ping said, “If you value your lives, it will be wiser to find a place to seek shelter rather than advance into the higher levels of the Stellar Sanctuary. If you continue on your ascend, you will surely lose your lives!”

He paused to sigh, “And don’t ever bother Yang Min anymore. She has already left the Martial Deviant Clan. If you continue to bother her then I surely won’t let you off!”

Aiel was gasping to herself, “He still remembers Yang Min even at this point? But their present state of divinity is now so vast...”

She of course did not know that Yi Ping was the sentimental type that never forgets about anyone!

Yi Ping said, “Now go!”

Yong Le and his group felt compelled to leave as quickly as possible as though there was an invisible force that was driving them!

Indeed in just a few blinks of an eye, they had all disappeared from view!

Just as Yi Ping had turned around, he was startled to see that more than three Immortals, including the Skylord Jun had all fallen to their knees as they all said aloud at the same time, “We welcome the Great God Pangu back!”

Yi Ping was stunned as he looked at Alice before looking at Isa, Asura and Aiel who were all shrugging their shoulders!

Aiel was smiling, "It seems that all the Arhat Practitioners and the Zen Practitioners are all particular united today. A miracle has indeed happened today!"

Yi Ping quickly said, "Please rise! I am not the Great God Pangu."

The Skylord Jun said respectfully, "Even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has said that you are the Great God Pangu then you must be it. Moreover you are able to awaken the Fantian Sovereign Sword. So if you are not the Great God Pangu then what are you?"

Yi Ping sighed, "Please rise. Or I will be upset!"

All the kneeling Immortals began to look at each other hesitatingly!

Alice said coolly, "If the Great God Pangu asks you to rise, why don't you rise?"

All the kneeling Immortals began to stand up slowly as though they all did not want to be among the first to fully stand up!

Yi Ping said quietly to everyone, "Listen up. I am indeed not the Great God Pangu, at least not yet!"

Everyone was muttering and exchanging startled look as they looked at Yi Ping keenly!

Yi Ping looked up to the heavens as he continued, "If I am indeed the Great God Pangu then I will be able to reach the highest level of the Stellar Sanctuary. But I haven't yet so I am not."

Skylord Jun muttered, "Great God Pangu, you are too humble. Your righteous air and with your Seventh Immortal Positioning already marked you as the Great God Pangu..."

Yi Ping smiled as he looked at him intently before looking at Alice and Isa, "No, not yet. Just call me Yi Ping. I don't mind at all..."

Skylord Jun smiled weakly, "It is considered too disrespectful to call the Great God Pangu by your name..."



Yi Ping smiled weakly as he seemed to ponder...

Han Lin giggled softly, "Why not the Immortal Hero for the time being?"

Skylord Jun and the other Immortals began to lit up as they called out, "Immortal Hero Yi!"

Xiang was smiling sweetly at him, "Are you shy? Why are you stopping them for calling you the Great God Pangu? You are not being too honest, ain't you?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he said, "Xiang, unless I can pass through all the trials to the very top then I can be considered to be the Great God Pangu. And if the others can too then they can be the Great God Pangu. For me, I really have no confidence at all even if I am able to reach to the very top!"

Xiang was mystified, "Why do you say that? If you are able to reach to the very top, surely you are the Great God Pangu!"

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Xingyue, Ye Yin and all the maidens were all nodding as they said, "Surely that is the case!"

Yi Ping sighed softly as he looked intently at Lingfeng, Lele, Lie Qing, Alice, Yunzi, Youxue and the other maidens one by one, "You don't understand. If I am the Great God Pangu, then I will not be here today as Yi Ping. If I am the Dark Chaos Lord then I may not be the Great God Pangu. That is because the Dark Chaos Lord had reached the very top level of the Stellar Sanctuary and he had failed. Not only had he failed but he had also lost his very life!"

Alice, Isa, Xiang and Aiel had suddenly turned extremely pale as they began to comprehend the graveness of Yi Ping's reminder to them!

Yi Ping added solemnly, "I may fail again if I am somewhat able to reach the top again. That is because I may not be the Great God Pangu after all!"

Before everyone could recover from this revelation, Yi Ping said solemnly again. "I have a sudden thought. What if the entire Stellar Sanctuary is just a trap and bait for something else?"

Everyone was gasping with astonishment as they all looked at Yi Ping...

Yi Ping continued, “What if it is a bait to lure a power like the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa into it?”

# Chapter 190: New Brotherhood

Yi Ping bade the Immortals farewell even as he gave them a parting word, "It is wiser for all of you to exit the Stellar Sanctuary as soon as possible if you are able to leave it or to lie low to avoid the powerful Heavenly Kings."

Alice warned them as well, "The three earlier Heavenly Kings don't even come close to the Ancient Heavenly Sage King and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess. Not to mention there are still the Dark Primordial Heavenly King, the Great Ascetic Heavenly King or the Western Paradise Heavenly King..."

Skylord Jun sighed softly as he recalled the fighting stance of the Western Paradise Heavenly King as he muttered, "Yes, that is right..."

Yi Ping said to them, "Please keep it to yourself and don't go around telling everyone that I am the Great God Pangu. Unless I am able to reach the top myself, even I can't convince myself!"

The three hundred Immortals gave him the promise as they slowly departed until eventually only Skylord Jun was the only one left...

Yi Ping looked at him curiously, "You are not leaving?"

Skylord Jun looked at Yi Ping, looked at Alice and Xiang before looking at Yi Ping again. He seemed to be hesitating and having difficulty finding words!

Yu'Er smiled, "He seems to have many things to say but he seems to be terribly shy to say it!"

Mei'Er laughed softly, "But he is a man, why should he be shy?"

The Lord Supreme looked at them none too pleased as he pretended to cough to warn them to be more disrespectful as this Skylord Jun was after all one of the highest ranking Immortals in the Immortal Realm!

Yi Ping said quietly to him, "It is alright. If you have anything to say, please say it. If you have any request to make and if it is within my ability to help then I will surely do my utmost!"

Lingfeng sighed softly, "How generous are you!"

Yi Ping looked at her with a smile. Somehow he simply enjoyed her tease...

But he quickly asked, "Lord Skylord Jun, please ignore her..."

Lingfeng hummed coldly as she walked playfully to the rest of the maidens who were all watching with playful wiles as she winked at them.

Skylord Jun looked hesitating at the others before he bowed with his hands respectfully, "I wonder if I can be a sworn brother to the Immortal Hero Yi? If you don't mind someone like me..."

Yi Ping was surprised by this request but he quickly said weakly as he had still not gotten used to being called an Immortal Hero, "Of course I do not mind. You are one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Generals and it is actually my honor. Brother Jun then?"

Skylord Jun was delighted as he quickly said, "Brother Yi!"

Lele quickly interrupted, "Wait a minute! Isn't that too hasty? Who is the elder and who is the junior of the brotherhood?"

Skylord Jun smiled weakly, "Naturally I am the elder..."

Yi Ping was also smiling, "Naturally..."

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang hummed coldly, "Elder Brother indeed! Don't forget that the two of us are also one of the Eight Heavenly Dragon Heavens and we are equal. Then do I need to call you Big Brother in the future?"

She was also discreetly looking at Alice, Asura, Aiel and Isa who were all looking none the pleased as well!

Skylord Jun suddenly felt that there was a gathering storm of malevolent air in the atmosphere!

It was as though all these maidens were all saying to him, "What make you think that you are fit to be Yi Ping's sworn brother?"

The cold glaze from the Goddess Celestial Alice was more terrifying

than the rest because her position was actually being threatened if he had become Yi Ping's sworn brother; it was because she was already the supreme leader in the Immortal Realm by the default strength of the Goddess Theocracy in the Immortal Realm and she was unwilling to share her position of power with the others except for Yi Ping!

Skylord Jun stammered quickly, "Of course we are equals. We are brothers. There is no need for an older or younger..."

Yi Ping bowed respectfully as he said with a righteous air, "Brother Jun!"

But Skylord Jun was still smiling weakly; it was because the malevolent air still did not disappear from these maidens!

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang hummed coldly, "So it seems that someone wants to make use of us to give him a ride up to the Stellar Sanctuary. The lofty ambitions of the immortals are like the mortals; they never give up until they meet with their demise!"

Youxue was saying coldly, "So now my Brother Ping now has a Brother Jun. How wonderful can it be!"

Mei'Er laughed softly as she pointed at the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords, "So, are the two of you thinking of the same thing as well?"

Yu'Er looked at the Skylord Jun keenly before she smiled, "And before long, he is going to ask to travel with us!"

Skylord Jun was startled as he thought, "How did she know? She can read my mind?"

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were both smiling weakly...

The Lord Supreme growled softly, "Yu'Er and Mei'Er, I am your father..."

Mei'Er sighed softly, "Even though we are not related by blood now but in my heart, you are always my father. But if my father is also the brother to my hubby, won't the relationship be confusing?"

The Lord Supreme laughed aloud as he patted Mei'Er on her shoulder,

“It will not. You are still my daughter and he is still your husband. If my son-in-law is also my brother then won’t it be a good thing after all?”

The Universal Old Man seemed to be grumbling, “It seems that everyone wants to be a brother to my protégé. That is so weird...”

The Heaveness Lingfeng whispered to him with a teasing smile, “So this protégé that I have forced you to take turns up good after all?”

When Yi Ping first arrived in the Celestial Realm and had met the Universal Old Man, the Heaveness Lingfeng had forced him to take Yi Ping as his protégé in exchange for the Negative Core Divine Pill that was in his hands by saying to him, “He is after all the White Sage, our ex-protégé. I know that this Negative Core Divine Pill is extremely precious but we need it to save the Celestial Fairy...”

Looking back now, the Universal Old Man was glad that he had taken Yi Ping as his protégé. Not only was he now an Immortal Practitioner, he had also opened his Heavenly Eyes!

He answered the Heaveness Lingfeng, “Indeed very good. But now I don’t want to be his protégé master anymore!”

The Heaveness Lingfeng raised her eyebrows, “Huh? Are you thinking like the rest of them as well?”

The Universal Old Man laughed as he patted his belly, “Indeed! I wonder what Yi Ping has to say to it?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he looked at the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, Immortal Saint of Swords, the Skylord Jun and the rest of the maidens before bowing respectfully with his arms, “It is actually my honor to have brothers like you! My brothers!”

The Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of Swords and Skylord Jun said spiritedly as they all laughed together, “Brother Yi Ping! Brother Yi Ping! Brothers!”

Lingfeng kicked the Universal Old Man lightly as she whispered, “So now the Lord Supreme and you are now brothers? How wonderful. I am going to be lonely from now on!”

Aiel was also smiling, “Don’t worry, from now on you have me. He is renowned for abandoning his old comrades so just ignore him!”

The Universal Old Man protested immediately, “Alas! We are all in the same group what...”

The Lord Supreme laughed as he said to the Universal Old Man, “I fear for you brother!”

But everyone was laughing and they exchanged teasing expressions and glances at each other!

Alice laughed softly as she clapped her hands as she winked at the Skylord Jun, “Welcome to our group then!”

Skylord Jun was a little startled that these maidens had changed from malevolent to jovial all of a sudden; it was only then that he knew that they were all teasing him and giving him a test to discourage him!

Yi Ping smiled, “Let’s go!”

All of a sudden Skylord Jun said, “Brother Yi, hold first!”

Yi Ping asked, “Yes?”

Skylord Jun said, “I just happen to know the way to the next level. I wonder if Brother Yi is willing to trust me enough to allow me to lead the way?”

Yi Ping bowed respectfully to him, “May Brother Jun please lead the way for us!”

Lie Qing and Lele immediately stepped forward as they said together, “Let’s us go now!”

# Chapter 191: The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess

Life Gate!

The entrance to the next level of the Stellar Sanctuary was a Life Gate and was hidden between a gorge. Because it was a Life Gate, there was no boss fights or any other hidden formations!

Yi Ping was relieved as they quickly entered through the shimmering portal to the next level!

Isa and Youxue on the other hand were looking slightly disappointed as they were hoping for a fight or something exciting!

Yi Ping found himself in another mountain region with tall pine trees all around them. As he adjusted his eyes, he asked. "Where are we now?"

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue smiled dreamily at him, "Level sixty floor! We are in luck now! It is said that at every thirty levels, there would be unique treasures that are scattered around!"

Lingfeng smiled weakly, "And this floor is far more dangerous too..."

Han Lin laughed softly, "With Isa and Alice around, what do we have to fear?"

Isa looked at her coolly, "Do I look like the type that will protect you like a nanny? You have better ask Aiel then."

Aiel laughed teasingly at Han Lin, "Poor Han Lin, I am not going to protect you either!"

Han Lin immediately flurry next to Yi Ping, "Brother Ping, will you protect me?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he knew that the other maidens were looking at him but he said firmly to Han Lin, "I will."

Han Lin clapped her hands as she smiled happily before winking at Aiel, "Look! It is better to depend on my Brother Ping than a useless



mistress!"

Aiel was horrified, "I am a useless mistress? Who is the one that save your sorry ass all this while?"

Han Lin asked, "Did you? How can't I don't remember that you did anything of that sort huh?"

Aiel blinked her eyes before she said to Han Lin, "I did so much for you and yet you can't remember. You are indeed ungrateful!"

Han Lin blinked her eyes in return, "I just can't remember but can't you remember what you did for me?"

Aiel blinked her eyes in return before she ignored Han Lin blatantly to say sweetly to Yi Ping, "This place seems dangerous. Yi Ping, you must remember to look out for me."

Yi Ping scratched his head as he replied, "I will..."

But he was already thinking, "How on earth am I going to protect all of them at the same time when danger comes..."

All of a sudden Lele seemed to turn ashen as she whispered quietly to everyone as she grasped her heart, "Everyone, keep quiet. There are others approaching!"

Yi Ping, Alice and many in the group were startled because they were not able to sense anyone yet!

But Alice quickly whispered to everyone after noting her expressions, "Lele has the Universal Harmonic Chain in her so she may have given a warning by it..."

Alice was particularly alarmed because for the Universal Harmonic Chain to give this type of warning would only mean that the approaching intruders were particular dangerous and that had set off an inertia defense warning to its mistress!

Therefore everyone nodded to each other as they kept quiet immediately before hiding themselves behind the tall pine trees!

Very soon they were able to pick up some conversations even as they

spotted three heavenly maidens walking and talking below them!

Yi Ping and many of their group began to turn pale immediately at the sight of one of the heavenly maidens on the left; it was because they had recognized the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

Why was she here and who were the other two maidens?!

Alice, Isa, Skylord Jun, Aiel, Asura and the Goddess of Mercy had turned even paler; it was because they had recognized the heavenly maiden in gold silvery attire as the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, one of the Greater Heavenly Kings!

They had briefly encountered her in the lower levels previously. Or rather, they had only heard of her voice and not seen her in person!

Yi Ping was awestruck by the three of them as he willed his Absolute Spirits. It was because these three heavenly maidens were absolutely enticing and full of expressive looks!

On the other hand, Lele was shivering when she had caught sight of the heavenly maiden that was on the right...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was saying to the heavenly maiden in the middle who was dressed in gold silvery attire, "Good sister! It is lucky that I have met you or else I will surely be lost. And your divine pill is particular effective for my injuries!"

Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess laughed softly as her divine voice could be heard subtly yet was extremely concise to all, "This is the umpteen times that you are thanking me. It is really nothing at all. Your opponent must be a badass to injure you like this. Do you know that you are injured by the Universal Force? You must have clashed with one of the most powerful divine weapons in the Three Known Realms to sustain such an aggravating injury!"

When Yi Ping had heard her voice, he immediately recalled who she was as he thought. "Isn't she the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess? Didn't the Ancient Heavenly Sage King goes after her some time ago? Why is she here?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa exclaimed melancholy, "Indeed!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess giggled softly, "Don't worry! I will help you, good sister. Whoever dares to offend you, I will surely avenge for you!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, "Good sister, you are not only beautiful but you are also really generous. I am only too impressed by you!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was delighted but she soon became melancholy, "If only he sees the same way as you too..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked curiously, "Who is he? Why should he even disdain you, good sister? Surely you have no lack of admirers?"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess cursed softly, "That is because he is an immortal practitioner that has set his mind on the path of cultivation..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, "Well, that is his loss..."

Yi Ping had suddenly noticed that all the other maidens were all looking at him questionably as well and he was suddenly awkward!

It was as though they were all asking the same thing as well!

He sighed softly in his heart. It was because he knew that if they did not continue on the path of cultivation then they would surely die. He simply did not want to drag any of them. Looking back, they were lucky that they were all able to become Golden Celestials and now they had all become immortal practitioners as well. Well, almost all...

He often wondered, "At this rate we are advancing our state of cultivation, will we soon meet with our demise? Too fast isn't a good thing. Our basic foundations are not even solid..."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess turned to her right as she asked, "Little sister, why are you so quiet?"

The heavenly maiden on the right was dressed in lavender green. She

arranged her sleeves gracefully before saying, "Elder sister, thank you for aiding me..."

When she had spoken, Yi Ping was suddenly frozen and he seemed to be completely mesmerized by her every little movements!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, "Little sister, you seem a little distracted? That is not what I am asking. Is something wrong?"

This heavenly maiden in lavender green lowered her glance to say, "I, I... nothing really. It is just that I have an uneasy feeling about this place and I miss my grandpa, my uncle and aunt...I wonder if they are going to be alright..."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled gently to her, "Not to worry. Your grandpa may be old now but there is hardly anyone that is his match when he is serious..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly as she interrupted, "Good sisters, who is this grandpa?"

She smiled at the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, "There is someone who is stronger than you, good sister? After all, you are one of the Thirty-three Heavenly Kings!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was flattered as she smiled delightfully, "Good sister, there are many more exponents that are better but rest assure, I will surely get you to the top of the Stellar Sanctuary in no time!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, "Well, thank you very much good sister. Without you to guide me, I will certainly be at a loss for sure. After all, this is the first time that I have been in the Stellar Sanctuary..."

All of a sudden when she had just taken a step forward, she had suddenly paused in her tracks as she scanned her vicinity. "Who is that? Why don't you show your faces?"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess appeared to be startled as she looked at her vicinity keenly...

Yi Ping was startled. It was because they had all stopped their breathing with their internal strength and had blended in with their surroundings. Moreover, they were still quite a considerable distance away from her...

Yi Ping, Alice and the rest of the group reluctantly appeared from their hiding place...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled when she had caught sight of Yi Ping and she was soon smiling, "I wonder who is that. So it is you!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly...

Alice, Isa, Aiel, the Goddess of Mercy and Skylord Jun immediately said aloud, "Our respects to the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess!"

Alice immediately said, "We are on trials in the Stellar Sanctuary. It is not our intentions to cross your path and we are just passing through."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was looking none the pleased. It was because these people had been eavesdropping on them without her noticing!

All of a sudden she had noticed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to know them so she asked, "You know them?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa pointed at Yi Ping suddenly, "Good sister! He is the man that has injured me!"

On the other hand, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had also noticed that the heavenly maiden on her right also had a startled expression so she asked, "You know them too?"

The heavenly maiden in lavender green was looking at Yi Ping and Lele with bleary eyes as she stepped forward excitedly!

At the same time Lele had also stepped forward immediately as she hugged this heavenly maiden in lavender green!

Yi Ping could feel his heart pounding hard as he looked at this heavenly maiden in lavender green as he asked, "Is she our..."

The heavenly maiden in lavender green hugged Lele tightly as she cried

out, “Mother! I am your daughter, Yi Si!”

She immediately turned to look at Yi Ping, “Father, don’t you recognize your daughter anymore?”

Yi Ping was trembling as he stepped forward to embrace Lele and Zixu at the same time, “Good! We are finally united...We have always wondered how you have been...”

Lie Qing was flabbergasted as she looked at Youxue, Yunzi, Xingyue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Lingfeng, “Look! Our niece has grown up now and she is a Golden Celestial now!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess immediately interrupted, “Wait a minute, good sister. Your father is the one that has injured our good sister here...”

Alice immediately said with great urgency, “Your excellency, do you know who is the one that is standing next to you? She is none other than the Great Goddess Nuwa, our eternal enemy! She calls herself the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa now!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was shocked as she quickly looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Good sister, you say you are the Scarlet Endowment Fairy? How come Alice is saying you are the Great Goddess Nuwa? Did you lie to me?”

The Great Desolate Goddess readied a defensive posture as she smiled wryly, “Good sister, I didn’t mean to lie to you. Aren’t we good sisters? Why don’t you join hands with me? Together, we can storm the Stellar Sanctuary and even take over the entire Immortal Realm for ourselves!”

She paused to look at the rest before she said malevolently, “As for the rest of them, if they do not fall to their knees to worship us and to join our fraternity then we just have to punish them on the spot!”

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Yi Si turned to smile enchantingly to the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, “Good sister, you are not going to hurt my parents am I right?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “You have lied to me and have hidden your true name from me. I have really regretted giving you my aid!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lowered her eyes as she said quietly, “Even though it is just for a brief while but I really enjoy my time with you. I really don’t want to fight you or Yi Si but let’s don’t force my hand alright? I am not afraid of anyone.”

She glanced at Yi Ping and his group as she noted the divine auras of their divine weapons and their martial auras as she thought, “This is not an ordinary group and more like an elite group. Who knows, they may even be able to injure me.”

Yi Si immediately smile to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa with an endeavoring look, “Good sister Scarlet Endowment Fairy or should I call you the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa? They are my parents. You mustn’t hurt them!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled at her, “I have my own destiny and my own plans...”

She stared coldly at Yi Ping and his group, “I will repeat for the last time. Bow before me or else, be prepared for my wrath!”

Youxue was about to say something when she had suddenly noticed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be looking at her with interest but before she could confirm her suspicious, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had quickly averted her glances!

Lele immediately cuddled Yi Si to her side as she gasped, “Daughter, we don’t need to be afraid of them. If they are looking for a fight then we shall give them. We mustn’t allow our honor to be tainted and...”

She paused to give Yi Si an endeavoring smile before continuing as she

brandished her Divine Echo, “Protégés of the Celestial Palace only fight to win!”

Yi Si smiled gently as she nodded with a quiet demeanor, “I am on your side mother and I am not afraid!”

She held on to Lele tightly and trembled lightly; her mother looked younger than she had thought and that her father was exactly like the righteous hero that she had always imagined!

And now he was standing in front of her and she felt comforted by his presence!

Lie Qing was already next to her to give her a quick hug, “So it seems that my little niece has already grown up and is already a Golden Celestial too?”

Yi Si cuddled Lie Qing as she whispered, “Grandpa has often told me that my mother has two close sisters and one of them is my Aunt Lie!”

Lie Qing cursed softly with a light smile as she tapped her Yi Si lightly, “Do I look like I am so old already?”

Yi Si laughed softly as she winked at Lie Qing, “Aunt Lie!...”

As Yi Ping looked at Yi Si all of a sudden, he was slightly startled that she seemed to exude a sense of ease even in these dire times and that she had a jovial aura around her. He immediately thought, “Isn’t this the secret divine skill of Brother Nangong Le, the Exuberant Divine Skill? She has met him?”

He was absolutely delighted that he could see his daughter again and he simply could not believe that she had all grown up now. This was the first time that he had met his grown up daughter but he knew that she was truly his own daughter!

He had many questions to ask her but he knew that this was not the time and place to ask. It was because at this moment he had noticed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was still looking at him coldly!

So he said with a soft sigh, “I only ask that the Great Desolate Goddess



Nuwa will not hurt the rest. Since I am the one that has injured you then this feud should only be settled between us, am I right?"

Alice, Asura, Lele and almost all the other maidens immediately said, "No! We will fight her together!"

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, Skylord Jun and the Immortal Saint of Swords had all readied a combat stance as they said together, "Brother Yi Ping! Since we are your brothers, we will naturally fight together even if we are not her match!"

Yi Ping sighed softly as he looked at everyone...

Yi Ping said firmly, "No, even if all of us join hands together we may not be her match!"

The Universal Old Man heaved a heavy sigh, "Protégé...you...Brother Yi..."

He had wanted to order Yi Ping to back off as a protégé master would to a protégé but he had suddenly remembered that they had just sworn to be equal as brothers together!

It was something that he had not regretted. It was because all along they were protégé master and protégé in all but name. Sure enough, he had taught Yi Ping his Ultrapowerful Force but that was because he had found him to be too weak then and wanted to show off his superior skills. But after they had been through so many trials together, he began to see Yi Ping as his comrade and close companion!

To the celestial practitioners, the stage of their divinities and tribulations denoted their exact ranking and not family ties. In fact family ties had no place in a celestial clan because the first rule was to cut off all blood ties!

But unlike martial clans where seniority would come first, true celestial clans often regarded advancement in celestial practice/attainment as the solo criteria to determine seniority. It was because unlike martial arts, celestial cultivation could only depend on self-cultivation and self-enlightenment!

Skylord Jun was an Immortal and a powerful one. The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords had actually seen this as an opportunity to advance their own cultivation through this Skylord Jun and to find an ally when they had transmigrated to the Immortal Realm in the future!

Naturally the Universal Old Man was not going to let this advantage went to the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords!

If he could be a protégé master and brother to Yi Ping then he would have double reinforced his relations with Yi Ping. Now this was important if Yi Ping was the Great God Pangu...

He cursed softly but there was not a trace of unhappiness in his heart, "This Lord Supreme, he is trying to get ahead of me. Fine, fine! But it isn't a bad thing now that we are brothers...haha!"

His thoughts were interrupted by Lele who had gasped to Yi Ping, "Then why did you?!"

She immediately pointed at Yi Si, "And to think that our family has just been united and now this?!"

Alice said quietly, "She is injured and her reactions will be naturally slowed!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, "You can try!"

Yi Ping immediately silenced everyone with a stern look before he bowed respectfully to the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa, "I will be your only challenger. Win or lose, you have to let them go!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said immediately, "Not so easy. If I win, I want to take two persons from your group away!"

Yi Ping was startled by her demands so he asked, "If I lose then who you will take away?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately pointed at Youxue and Lingfeng, "I want her to come with me!"

Youxue, Yi Ping, Lingfeng and all the rest were startled by her requests!

Youxue and Lingfeng were both thinking, "What does she wants from us?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he thought, "How can I allow this to even happen?"

All of a sudden Lingfeng said coolly, "Ping'Er then use us as a wager! I don't mind!"

Youxue was also smiling mesmerizingly, "I really don't mind as well. It is not like she wants to kill us or she will have already done so!"

Yi Ping looked at them melancholy as he tightened his fists; Youxue, Lingfeng and Yixian were among the first of the consorts that he had met. He had been through many difficult adventures with them and it was not easy for them to reach this point. He had already lost Yixian and he knew that if he was to lose Youxue or Lingfeng then his mental and spirit fortitude would surely falter!

When the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa saw that Yi Ping was hesitating, she immediately said. "It is not as bad as you think. Not only I want them to come with me, I want them to come willing to me. Not only will I not hurt them but I want to take them in as my protégés!"

Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Youxue and all the rest were all startled as they looked at each other with shock!

Even the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and Yi Si were exchanging startled look!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess quickly composed herself, "Don't you all know that if the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa wants to take them in then their fates will be worse than death. They would be torment by the chaotic destruction energies of the Great Desolate Force for all eternity, enter into a separation between Heavens and the Earth as they lose all their humanity!"

She lifted her eyes to look sternly at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "Don't believe? You can ask her! She may look compose and appears to be the most beautiful person in the entire universe but that is actually just

an illusion. She just wants the others to join her as they wrought chaos to the Three Known Realms. Only then can they become tranquil because that is their true nature and manifestation!”

Yi Ping was trembling as he muttered, “To spread chaos throughout the Three Known Realms...only then can they become tranquil...because that is their true nature and manifestation...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coolly, “That is right. Since ancient times, the Righteous Universal Forces and the Chaotic Desolate Forces have always opposed each other...”

Lingfeng whispered to him, “Ping’Er, don’t hesitate anymore or it will affect your fighting spirit!”

Youxue smiled, “It is not like you will surely lose. At least I think that you have a fifty percent chance but even if you have lost, I don’t mind. At most, you can always come to look for us when you are stronger.”

She looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa to say, “If you dare to kill Yi Ping then I will kill myself in front of you!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lifted her gaze at Youxue as she said coldly, “Is that a threat? Sadly, it won’t work on me!”

Yi Ping looked at Lingfeng and Youxue...

They looked at each other; it seemed that time had completely stood still for them!

To the others, it seemed like just a blink of an eye had passed when Yi Ping had nodded to them but to them, in that single moment they had already recounted all their memories together and had reached a consensus!

He will fight!

It was because only the benevolent was invincible and he was going to use this pinnacle of his state of divinity to defeat the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa!

Yi Ping looked at the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa as he said firmly, “I

will accept your terms!”

The Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa tapped her foot gently as she stared coldly at him, “Good! I will accept your challenge then!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had quietly moved aside as though she was not party to any side but she seemed to be looking at Yi Ping with interest as she commented coldly, “Hmph! Humph! Don’t say I never warn you, she is an Entropy Immortal that is on par with the Great God Pangu and the Great Goddess Fantian. That is why she is a Great Goddess.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly at her, “I am grateful for your instruction...”

Yi Si immediately said to him, “Father, be careful!”

Yunzi said firmly, “She is injured now. Fight her with your advantages and exploit her disadvantages!”

Yi Ping nodded but his entire focus was quickly on the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as he sheathed his swords!

Everyone was startled!

Lele gasped with horror, “Yi Ping, what are you doing?!”

Lie Qing, Shen Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Han Lin, Aiel, Asura and all the other maidens had all taken a step back in shock in disbelief!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa appeared to be startled too as she looked intently at Yi Ping, “You are courting your own death? If you don’t use your divine swords, your chance of winning will be slim!”

Yi Ping said as he tapped the Fantian Sovereign Sword, “Don’t get me wrong. I know that you are formidable and I dare not be careless but I don’t like to use my swords against an opponent that has already been injured by my sword.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly as she played with her fingers, “Not too injured to kill you outright. But I have a habit. I don’t like anyone to give leeway to me. Therefore I will give you a chance. You may choose a challenge of your choosing. How about that?”

She thought wryly, “Will you choose an internal strength challenge against me? It is obviously that you know that I am injured by the Universal Force which is a nemesis to my Great Desolate Force. So what would you choose?”

So she smiled enchantingly, “So what will you choose?”

Yi Ping tightened the buckle of his swords that were on his back before saying, “How about this? If I am able to take three martial power blows from you then you will let all of them go?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, “Not one blow? Why three? You must know that my martial strength is definitely above you!”

Yi Ping said quietly, “These three blows are for the honorable acceptance of this challenge.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded as she stretched out her palm, “Then let us be done with this!”

Yi Ping immediately mustered his entire martial force with the Martial Emperor Divine Force. Immediately he gave a great martial shout as he displayed the Asper Divinity as three bursts of martial force exploded around him, “I am ready!”

Almost immediately, Yi Ping and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa leapt forward at the same time as they raised their palms at each other. Even before their palms had made contact, there was a thunderous explosion that rippled throughout the vicinity, shaking the ground and stirring debris to fly in all directions!

Yi Ping was sent flying with a large impact onto the ground as everyone gasped aloud!

But Yi Ping coughed out weakly as he stood up almost immediately to say, “Thank you for being merciful!”

Everyone was smiling bitterly!

It did not look as though the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was showing any mercy at all!

Yunzi thought silently to herself, “Ping’Er, are you trying to expend her martial strength so that even if you have lost so that she won’t be able to handle our combine strength or she would honor her pledge because of that?”

Shen Xingyue was quietly observing Yi Ping and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as she fingered her Blue Heavens Divine Sword while stealing a glance at Ye Yin, Yu’Er and Mei’Er who were all secretly giving each other their secret signals...

The four of them had already reached a secret consensus to take out this Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa with their Four Aggregates Sword Formation at a moment notice. For the past few days, they had seen their coordination improving by leaps and bounds.

Not only had their gained a divine insight as immortal practitioners but they had all managed to put aside differences to work together and had reworked the Four Aggregates Sword Formation with the Flawless Energy Swordplay!

In the past, Ye Yin always had misgivings about Xingyue and her protégé master. But now not had their put aside their past enmities, they were even now close sisters!

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue was not as fiery as her celestial name suggested. On the contrary, she was almost like the Celestial Fairy Yixian, was quiet in her ways and yet she was supportive to all their causes without any complaints, giving her best with no restraint!

And of course, they were not the only ones making contingency plans.

Youxue, Yunzi and Lingfeng were giving knowing glances to each other to coordinate their next action while Lele and Lie Qing were also nodding to each other!

Aiel whispered to Han Lin, “Han Lin...”

Han Lin smiled, “Mistress, be careful...”

In the meantime, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was secretly startled by Yi Ping’s martial force. It was because her martial power alone

blow could easily kill an Immortal that was in the fourth positioning and below!

Even if her opponent could handle her outright blow but they would more or less be seriously injured but this Yi Ping could still stand steadily after they had clashed with each other!

She looked at Yi Ping and said nonchalantly, "Very good. I won't be so restraint next round."

With that all of a sudden her forehead shimmered a golden stellar color, invoking the martial power of her Seventh Cosmos Positioning!

At the same time Yi Ping's forehead had also turned golden as he displayed the Seventh Cosmos Positioning!

Yi Ping extended his palm forward and a rainbow fire burst out all of a sudden from his shoulders as his forehead began to glow a golden radiance; he had displayed the Seventh Cosmos Positioning and was channeling all his martial power into his palm!

In a blink of an eye, they had leapt toward each other again and a thunderous clash exploded into a large bang, exploding the very ground that they were upon and upheaval the ground beneath them into bursts of fast expanding debris!

Both Yi Ping and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were both knocked back seven steps by their martial forces!

Everyone was gasping breathlessly excitingly!

The Universal Old Man clapped, "Good!"

But Alice, Isa, Xiang, Skylord Jun, Asura, Aiel and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess were furrowing; it was because as Immortals they could tell that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was obviously restraining. But why?

Were her injuries more serious than they had thought?

She was withholding her strength to deal with them later?

She was confident that Yi Ping would be able to handle her third blow



then?

As Yi Ping was knocked back, he inhaled quickly as he began to circulate the flow of his vital energies in his vital channels while thinking, "I can hold her off? One more blow..."

His confidence began to grow immediately!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa inhaled a vital breath as she looked at Yi Ping while thinking, "He can actually withstand my blow. Good! I am worried that he may not be able to handle my blow. I have actually only used half of my martial power..."

She said, "Now for the third blow, are you ready?"

With that she had immediately raised her Heaven Eyes to the Eighth Sovereign Positioning as a purple radiance began to shimmer from her forehead!

All of a sudden the air around her seemed to be darkened and she was enveloped by a purple shimmering aura!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gasped, "That is her Great Desolate Force!"

At that very moment, everyone began to turn ashen; that was because they had thought that they may stand a chance against the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa but judging by the constant flux of her the Chaotic Desolate Force that was like an inertia barrier, they had suddenly lost all their confidence!

But just as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was smiling wryly to herself, she was startled by the sight of Yi Ping who was now being surrounded by six hovering golden discs and even his entire body had turned golden!

Lie Qing gasped out, "The Golden Invincible Force and the Golden Invincible Body!"

Yi Ping said to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "I am ready to accept your blow!"

Everyone had unwittingly taken a few steps back as they were all wary of the conflicting martial energies that would soon be unleashed as they held their breath; it seemed that the heavens and earth had suddenly stood still and that the only things that now existed were a golden righteous hue and a purple chaotic hue...

# Chapter 193: The Ninth Immortal

## Positioning

All of a sudden they had flashed toward each other with an explosive big bang that shook the entire vicinity thunderously as their martial shockwaves rippled and torn through the ground, sending multiple bursts of their martial forces and debris around them!

Almost immediately Yi Ping was thrown back as he took seven explosive steps backward before he coughed out blood!

As for the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, she had coughed out a bout of black blood on the spot!

Everyone was gasping!

Yi Ping was trembling; his golden body had vanished and his Golden Invincible Force had been dissipated!

But the most important thing was that Yi Ping was still alive and if he was still alive then he had won the challenge!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had coughed out blood not because she was injured by Yi Ping but because of the cause of her internal injuries!

But still she was surprised that Yi Ping was able to take her full blow and could still stand!

While the debris was still settling, Yi Ping had immediately stepped forward to say weakly. "Everyone stay where you are!"

It was because he could sense that his group was not prepared to trust this Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and was even considering making a strike on her while she was still at her weakest state for this was the best opportune time to strike!

Yi Ping forced his trembling hands to say respectfully, "My Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, I hope that you will keep your terms of your bargain and spare us!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was trembling as she muttered, “Yes, you have won and indeed I have lost...”

She gathered her scarlet robes as she turned around. All of a sudden she seemed to bend over slightly as she coughed out another bout of blood!

Yi Ping immediately asked while suppressing the agonizing pain that he was feeling, “Are you alright?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately turned around to say coldly to him, “I don’t need your concern!”

While Yi Ping was taken aback by her cold rebuke but he was not surprised by her reaction at all.

When he was about to turn around, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was suddenly melancholy and the air was chilled by her coldness as she said bitterly, “Great God Pangu, I hate you!”

Yi Ping was stunned by her cold rebuke!

He sighed bitterly to himself, “Why is that I have a feeling that I am picking up the leftover messes for the Great God Pangu, the Dark Chaos Lord and the White Sage? If I can go back in time, I would surely bash them...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa burned with an icy chilling aura as she continued, “Do you know my innermost feeling when you have sealed me under the weight of the Divine Nine Cauldron?”

Yi Ping kept quiet as he listened attentively but his expressions were gloomy!

Youxue was startled when the Divine Nine Cauldron was being mentioned as she thought, “When I have taken the Divine Nine Cauldron, I must have accidentally freed her. So does that mean that she has actually followed me from that very moment...”

Lingfeng took a quick glance at Yunzi who was looking at Youxue and her. She wondered, “So that is why she wants Youxue but why me? And she seems to know me? But I have no idea who she is...”

Lingfeng and Yunzi were among the smartest in the group but they were now looking at each other for answers...

The Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa hummed coldly as her echoing divine voice filled the vicinity, “Have you ever experienced that eternal nothingness where there is nothing but darkness? That eternal loneliness, that tranquil darkness that has no end, that helplessness, the many tears that I have shed but there are none that could reciprocate?!”

Her voice was suddenly melancholy and it pierced through the hearts of all the listeners, filling them with a sense of great sorrows!

Alice, Isa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess were particular emotional because it struck them in the cord and they were trembling. It was because the three of them were sealed in the mystical formations for a long time!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was sighing melancholy as she thought, “I remember that darkness too...”

Like the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa, she was also sealed in a spatial space by a powerful immortal formation...

After the Jade Emperor had been disposed, the Heavenly Kings began to engage in a battle for supremacy for the Immortal Realm. At first not all the Heavenly Kings were interested in the battle for supremacy but eventually even the unwilling forced to drawn into it as some ambitious Heavenly Kings even aspired to become the next Immortal Emperor!

But none of them ever succeeded to be the next Immortal Emperor because their actions had actually incurred the wrath of the mysterious Great Goddess Fantian who had descended from Beyond and bound them in the Sovereign Divine Space!

It was only recently when the Sovereign Divine Space had weakened that these Heavenly Kings had finally escaped from their imprisonment!

But they had no time to waste because the moment that they had escaped from the Sovereign Divine Space was also the eclipse descending of the Stellar Sanctuary from Beyond. That was the only chance that they

could obtain the Pangu Divine Force and ascended to Beyond as a Divine Being!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was actually trembling and that her eyes had turned beaming red, “Just because you have the power of the ten ancient immortal artefacts, you can have your way to designate us to the fates that you want us to be? But now, I am freed now and had even reached the Eighth Sovereign Positioning. Great God Pangu, just one more level and I will be in the same positioning as you!”

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, “What? There is a Ninth Immortal Positioning?!”

He shivered to think of that!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly as she walked away with her echoing voice, “Next time round, I won’t be so merciful!”

Yi Si immediately called after her, “Big sister, you are really leaving?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa paused in her tracks before she said without turning back, “Yes I am leaving. Take care. This place is not for you...”

With that she had hastened her steps to walk away!

Almost everyone heaved a soft sigh of relief when they saw that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had walked away without any further fight.

All of a sudden Yi Ping jumped forward to say, “Wait! Why don’t you wait until you have recovered from your injuries and travel some days with us? This is the 60th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary and it is too dangerous for you to travel in your state.”

Lele was shocked, “Ping’Er!”

Even the Heaveness Lingfeng was startled!

Alice, Xiang, Aiel, Han Lin, Asura and Isa were all stunned!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed coldly, “You are not afraid that after I have recovered, I will stamp all over your group? Or you are

plotting to eat my heart to further your own cultivation?”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “I didn’t mean any of that. If you trust us, you can travel with us.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa turned around to look at him intently, “You are not afraid of me?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose before as he smiled, “If you are the type that has no honor then I will surely be afraid of you but I don’t think you are that or else you won’t be able to attain the Eighth Immortal Positioning.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa appeared to ponder for a while before she said but it was obvious that her tone had softened, “You have forgotten that I hate you to the core?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “If you want someone to scold why bottle it in your heart? You can vent it out on me anytime. But if you join us, you must continue to stick to our original agreement not to hurt any of them.”

Yi Si was also urging, “Big sister, come join us for a while. We still have many things to talk about!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa stole a glance at Yi Si and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess before she said, “But just don’t depend on me to give you any aid in the Stellar Sanctuary. I don’t like to watch out for the others. Also, don’t blame if the trials become particular overly tough!”

This was common knowledge by now that the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary would automatically scale according to the strength of the practitioner and the number of practitioners!

But Yi Ping said firmly, “That is alright...”

Lingfeng was tapping her foot as she muttered in disbelief, “Ping’Er, you are keeping a monster in the group...”

Before he could finish and before everyone could protest, Yi Si had flown into her embrace as she called out jovially. “Big Sister Nuwa!...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was shaking her head, “Little

Sister Yi Si, good and evil cannot co-exist. Moreover she is a desolate goddess...”

But she soon kept quiet when she realized that Yi Si was simply not listening as she took the hands of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Come, this is my mother...this is my father that you have met and this is my Aunt Lie Qing...”

Yi Si smiled mesmerizing at everyone, “Surely you are all not thinking of standing there? Hurry and make an introduce to both my big sisters and to me!”

Lie Qing was smiling bitterly as she put her long sword aside, “Yes, I am Lie Qing...”

“I am Youxue...”

“I am Yu’Er and this is my sister Mei’Er...”

“Yunzi here. Yi Si, you have grown up now! I remember holding you in my arms the last time...”

“I am the Fiery Phoenix...”

The Universal Old Man was laughing as he introduced himself even though the Great Desolate Goddess was not even looking at him, “I am the Universal Old Man...”

Lingfeng smiled weakly, “I am the Heaveness...”

“Alice...”

“I am the Goddess of Mercy...”

“I am the Goddess Aiel and this is Han Lin...”

The Skylord Jun, the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Lord Supreme and all the others began to introduce themselves one by one!

It seemed that Yi Si had the effect of affecting everyone to her jovial mood...

The Great Desolate Goddess also seemed to brighten up as she said nonchalantly, “Hmph! I am the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa of the Six



Realms and my lofty ambitions are to dominate the Six Realms...”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at him, “Why are you sighing? You don’t like to hear what is in my mind?”

Yi Ping shook his head as he smiled bitterly while looking at her intently.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to shudder a little when Yi Ping said all of a sudden, “I don’t understand why you are trying to make us detest you so much? What you are saying doesn’t seem to match your actions...”

# Chapter 194: The Eternal Lotus

In a desolate valley, a lone fighter was being surrounded by dozens as brilliant weapon clashes thundered like lightning and the rippling shockwaves of the occurring martial clashes imploded furiously!

That lone fighter was Yi Ping and surrounding him were all the people that was familiar to him!

He was fighting against Ye Yin, Lie Qing, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lele, Yunzi, Shen Xingyue, Yunzi, Lingfeng and Youxue one by one while the rest of the group was watching keenly!

Yi Ping had raised his two divine swords, the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign in a whirling dance of blades against Lie Qing who had surrounded herself with twelve dazzling hovering discs as their martial strength clashed in titanic explosions!

Yi Ping was thrown back by the titanic explosions but he had recovered quickly as he whirled his swords against Lie Qing's divine sword which was beaming with sword energies!

But once again, he was flung aside in an explosive impact onto the ground!

Lie Qing immediately gasped out, "Ping'Er, are you alright?"

Lele said panicky, "Sister Qing, why did you hit Ping'Er so hard?"

Yi Ping shook his head as he picked himself up, "Lele, I am alright..."

Lie Qing laughed jovially, "Sorry, I cannot resist..."

Yi Ping panted heavily before he looked at the Fiery Phoenix, "Xingyue, I am ready..."

Shen Xingyue nodded as she raised her Blue Heavens Divine Sword while looking at Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, are you sure? I am coming..."

Lie Qing laughed jovially, "It seems that Sister Xingyue is afraid of hurting Yi Ping and she has to give him some warnings!"

Mei'Er immediately protested as she looked lovely-dovey at Yi Ping,

“Master Yi Ping has been fighting nonstop for the past two hours and his martial strength is almost spent, what is wrong with giving a little warning?!”

Han Lin was feeling a little miserable as well so she said aloud, “You call yourselves his consorts yet all of you are bullies!”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly as she winked at Han Lin, “He is asking for it!”

Youxue looked at Yunzi and smiled, “The world has indeed changed. Someone has been so conceited as to fight us at the same time and he even has a supporter?!”

Yunzi smiled gently, “Indeed! The world has indeed changed!”

Han Lin began to fluster. She quickly turned to look at Aiel who was meditating on a rocky ledge as though it was none of her concern, “Mistress is sleeping again?”

Aiel opened her eyes and said rudely, “I am meditating! Meditating!”

But she was soon gasping when Shen Xingyue had suddenly flashed toward Yi Ping in a startling speed as dozens of bluish strokes were displayed in an instant!

She was not the only ones who were astonished; half of the group was also startled and fearful for Yi Ping!

Yi Ping raised his swords in rapid successions as he parried the multiple sword attacks that were raised by Xingyue!

In a blink of an eye, Shen Xingyue was upon Yi Ping in six different directions and had unleashed dozens of strikes!

Yi Ping thought as he took hurried steps back, “Xingyue has improved so much since we have last dueled?”

Xingyue flashed behind him to deliver several bursting strikes as she smiled, “You didn’t think that you are the one that is improving? Don’t forget I am an immortal practitioner now and is a Revelation Immortal Practitioner now! ”

Ever since she had reached the Immortal Stage of Revelation, her speed attacks seemed to be enhanced and were even more formidable than previously!

Even though Yi Ping was startled by her speed attacks, he was more cautious of her unpredictable movements that could switch positions instantly even before he could ready an attack against her!

The truth was that Shen Xingyue was also startled that Yi Ping was able to counter all her strikes almost effortlessly even though he was not as fast as her!

Alice, Isa, Xiang, Asura, Aiel, Han Lin, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Yi Si, Skylord Jun, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were actually watching their martial practices quietly.

At first they seemed to display no interest but as the martial practice continued, their interests seemed to be aroused as well!

The Goddess Isa said gently, "It seems that the Fiery Phoenix martial strength is her speed. When a practitioner reaches the Immortal stage of Revelation, things may change depending on the exact circumstances that have passed at that point of time."

Even though her whisper was soft, it echoed clearly in everyone's ears!

Yi Ping thought, "Xian'Er once says to us that this Revelation is the divine state of great empathy. To feel the heavens and the earth, an empathy over the vast boundless cosmos while Aiel has said that this divine staging requires the practitioner to be one with the heavens and the earth..."

The Goddess Isa was heard saying, "So the Fiery Phoenix has truly become one with the heavens and the earth. If I am not wrong, her 'True Revelation' is enhance speed! She has not opened her Heaven Eyes yet. If she has, then she may truly be formidable!"

The Goddess of Mercy was heard commenting, "At 'True Revelation', depending on the circumstances of the Revelation Crisis, there are

enhance martial strength, enhance fortitude, enhance internal strength, enhance mental and enhance speed. Most practitioners usually gain enhance fortitude and enhance mental due to the nature of their current Revelation Crisis. It is most unusual to get enhance speed unless the crisis requires of that.”

The Goddess Asura nodded quietly, “That is right. Among the Immortal Stages, the Revelation Stage is one of the hardest to overcome and be able to benefit from it.”

The Goddess Aiel nodded, “However it is not to say that enhance mental is useless. That is important to awaken the Heaven Eyes and most of the immortal practitioners actually failed at this stage because they fail to fortitude their mental strength. At least, it is useful to me during my various advancements in my Heaven Eyes...”

The Goddess of Mercy interrupted with a smile, “So you are enhance mental...”

All of a sudden Aiel was blushing; it was because she had accidentally let slip of her innate strength which could potential be used against her!

She quickly protested weakly, “No, I am not...”

Han Lin looked at the flustering Aiel, “Mistress, you are a terrible liar. Now everyone knows...”

She wondered aloud, “I wonder what may be the “True Revelation” of Alice and Yi Ping?”

The Goddess Alice stared coldly at Han Lin, “I won’t tell you.”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “Then I make a guess on Yi Ping instead... mistress what do you think?”

Aiel smiled, “Definitely not enhance speed. Most likely it is enhance martial strength. But still I find it difficult to believe till now that he now has the strength to defeat a Heavenly King...”

Asura interrupted softly, “I think Yi Ping has got the enhance mental instead and it is still too early to say that Yi Ping has the strength to

defeat one of the eleven Greater Heavenly Kings.”

The Goddess of Mercy nodded, “I hate to agree but the eleven Greater Heavenly Kings are on a different league altogether!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled wryly, unable to resist adding a comment. “You are praising me?”

The Goddess of Mercy replied respectfully, “Indeed!”

This time even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa commented wryly, “What is there to be afraid of? It is only a Greater Heavenly King, am I right?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess looked at her coldly, “So, will you like to try me?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was one of the Greater Heavenly King and even though she knew that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was formidable, she had no fear of her.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled but said nothing as she returned her attention to the fight between Yi Ping and the Fiery Phoenix Shen Xingyue. After a while she muttered, “I wonder what will happen once this Fiery Phoenix has awakened her Heaven Eyes? Will her Heaven Eyes enhance her speed even further? That will be interesting, isn’t it? She may even be able to match my speed.”

Alice, Isa, Aiel, Asura, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, Han Lin, Yi Si and Aiel were all smiling weakly. It was because she was hinting to them that her speed attacks were even more formidable!

Even the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, Skylord Jun and the Immortal Saint of Swords were smiling weakly at the arrogant hint of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa.

But it was a fact that they had to admit because they had witnessed how the Sovereign Wind Heavenly King was killed by her with a single swift hit!

Of course that was also due to the fact that the Sovereign Wind

Heavenly King had not suspected that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa would suddenly turned around to give him a stab on his forehead or else he would not have been killed by her instantly!

On the other hand, it spoke volumes of her precision, timing and startling speed!

Therefore it was a boast that none of them wanted to verify with her!

At this moment Shen Xingyue had tumbled back with a startling speed as she gasped breathlessly, “No good, I am still not quick enough to breach his defenses...”

Yi Ping was also panting breathlessly but he called out for Yunzi, “Yun, your turn!”

Yunzi nodded as she unsheathed her divine sword with a beaming burst of white light as she sent it flying toward with a startling speed onto Yi Ping with her flying sword technique, “Ping’Er, be careful. Evade if you think you are unable to block it!”

As the flying sword flew to him, the ground beneath was sundered with sword energies!

Yi Ping was startled as he had suddenly realized that Yunzi had just merged her flying sword technique with the Ley Negative Sword Energies and the Flawless Sword Energies Technique, “What?! A new flying sword technique!”

He immediately mustered his martial power and immediately was surrounded by six glimmering golden discs!

Lie Qing laughed softly, “So our hero is now forced to use his Golden Invincible Force!”

There was a cracking burst of explosive force that sent him sliding seven steps backward when he raised his swords to parry Yunzi’s flying sword!

When he had stabilized himself again, Yunzi’s flying sword had rebounded back to her hands again!

Yi Ping was sweating profusely and he was staring at Yunzi with shock!

Yunzi gasped to him, "Ping'Er, are you alright?"

Lingfeng laughed alluringly, "Good one Yunzi! Help me to teach him a lesson!"

Ye Yin was also laughing jovially, "So the future Great God Pangu cannot even withstand a hit from a maiden?"

Yi Ping was not the only one that was gasping with astonishment. Even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had turned rigid at the astonishing power of Yunzi's flying sword technique!

The Immortal Saint of Swords was muttering, "She is really good. It is a good thing that I have the foresight to make her the protégé leader of the Infinity Sword Celestial Clan..."

The Lord Supreme muttered, "You really got a good catch there..."

The Universal Old Man looked heaved a soft sigh, "You think that Yunzi's martial level is on par with us now?"

The Lord Supreme nodded, "Definitely very close or on par."

The Immortal Saint of Swords smiled as he looked at them wryly, "What if I tell you that she is even better than any of us now?"

All of a sudden Yi Ping was shouting, "Yunzi! Can you execute your flying sword again?"

Yunzi was startled, "Ping'Er, are you sure?"

Yi Ping nodded gently, "Aye! I like to try your flying sword again."

Yunzi nodded in response as she readied her flying sword in a swirling motion, "Incoming! Be careful..."

Yi Ping nodded as he steadied his footing, "Ready..."

Once again Yunzi displayed her flying sword technique with a startling power and speed in the direction of Yi Ping!

Yi Ping immediately swung his two divine swords in quick successive in a defensive stance.



Just as everyone was assuming that Yi Ping would muster his Golden Invincible Force again, they were startled to see that he had actually displayed the Thousand Memories Sword as another two beaming swords could be seen by his side!

And in the next splitting instant, these two beaming swords began to encircle rapidly around Yi Ping before it suddenly flown toward Yunzi's flying sword!

But instead of flying straight into the flying sword, these two beaming swords were spinning just like Yunzi's flying sword technique!

Yunzi and the others were startled because Yi Ping's Thousand Memories Swords were not real physical swords and would dissipate instantly on impact with anything.

The Goddess Isa observed and said, "No, these two flying swords are real!"

As soon as she had said that, Yi Ping's flying swords and Yunzi's flying sword had clashed in a startling burst of erupting shockwaves in the middle!

Everyone was gasping at the brilliant burst of shockwave but barely had it started, they began to see that Yunzi's flying sword had flew back to her while Yi Ping's two flying swords had continued on its projectile path toward Yunzi!

Yunzi immediately raised her scabbard and had unsheathed her waist sword!

But Yi Ping gave a loud martial shout and his flying swords fell onto the ground, transmuting into two beaming Heavenly Relics!

The real forms of Yi Ping's flying swords were actually two Heavenly Relics!

Yunzi smiled, "So you are shamelessly copying my flying sword technique, huh?"

Lele asked curiously, "Ping'Er, why did you expend so much trouble to

spin your swords instead of hurling it in a straight line?”

Yi Ping smiled, “If I don’t spin my flying swords then I am afraid that Yun’s flying sword will surely come straight for me!”

Lele asked with a queer expression, “What do you mean?”

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess smiled, “He is using the principle of motion borrowing the motion to maintain the martial energies of his flying swords. If he just hurled it in a straight line, his martial energies will have dissipated too fast to be effective!”

Shen Xingyue nodded, “That is right!”

Yi Ping nodded as he said breathlessly, “I have been wondering the same for many years. Now I have finally understood the principle behind her flying sword technique!”

Yunzi broke into a smile, “So you finally understand now. Good!”

Lele laughed jovially as she leapt next to Yunzi, “Be careful Sister Yun. He is always trying to steal our secret arts and techniques!”

Yi Ping smiled at Yunzi quietly as he looked at her lovingly. Yunzi and Lele were the ones that had taught him how to fight ambidextrously. Only a few actually knew that Lele was capable of fighting ambidextrously!

Youxue was next to Yi Ping as she took out her handkerchief, “Look at you, it is time for you to take a rest. What is the point of practicing every day? Aren’t you tired? You should spend more time advancing your state of divinity like Aiel...”

When Aiel heard her, she began to fluster as she quickly protested. “It... is not true!”

Many of the maidens broke into jovial laughter!

The Great Desolate Goddess muttered aloud, “Isn’t it foolish to display your martial skills in front of me? Over the past few days, I have almost seen all your skills!”

Indeed she had observed them closely over the last couple of days. She

had taken a mental note of each of their special skills for example the Heaviness Lingfeng was capable of using two different martial techniques at the same time, the Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu'Er and Axis Heaven Goddess Mei'Er were capable of reading their opponents' moves, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin was able to sense energy movements...

Alice, Isa, Asura, Xiang, Aiel and Han Lin were all looking at each other. That was the truth. That was why they had refused to partake in Yi Ping's martial practice!

Yi Ping and the rest of the maidens had obviously heard the Great Desolate Goddess but they pretended not to hear her!

Yi Si was watching her father martial practice with great interest. This was the first time that she had observed the martial practice of her parents and her 'aunts'. To her astonishment, her 'aunts' had all become her mothers!

She took a quick glance at the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, the Goddess Aiel and the Goddess Asura. These past few days, she had been observing them and found out that they too, had an interest in her father even though it was subtle!

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he sat down on a rock as he looked at the mountains that lay in the horizon dreamily. He was immediately joined by the rest of the group.

After a short while, he began to look at each and every one. "It has been several days already and yet we have not found a way up the next level of the Stellar Sanctuary yet."

Mei'Er comforted him with a smile, "It won't be too long. After all, we still have two months to complete the rest of the Stellar Sanctuary!"

Lingfeng nodded quietly, "In the past, we have taken a whole of three months and we could not even reach half the levels of the Stellar Sanctuary. Therefore our progressions are already quite rapid!"

The Lord Supreme nodded, "This is the 60th level of the Stellar Sanctuary and it is not surprising that it will be a little harder."

Lele looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as she said casually, “Or maybe it is because someone here brings us bad luck?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at her, “Who are you hinting at?”

Yi Ping said gently, “Lele didn’t mean anything.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “Oh really?”

But she soon kept quiet as she pretended to look away.

Yi Ping appraised her quietly. After having been with the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa for some time, he knew that while her tongue may be sharp but she did not seem to have any hostile intentions, at least not for now.

Yi Si was hugging the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa in her arms, “Big Sister Nuwa, my mother don’t mean that!”

Yi Ping looked quietly at Yi Si, his daughter. He was glad to see her once again and that she had all grown up...

According to Yi Si; after they had left for the Celestial Realm, she was adopted and raised by the Jade Emperor. The Jade Emperor had taught her just like he had taught Lele for the next eighteen years. Her celestial progression had been fast and when she was eighteen, she had overcome her Divine Calamity and could begin her celestial training.

But one day the Jade Emperor had urgently summoned Yi Si, the Celestial Liege and the Confession Lady Ye Ling to him. At that time, Yi Si was wandering the martial fraternity and happened to encounter Nangong Le. Her encounter with Nangong Le was almost near comical. She had literally beaten him up for posing as a sworn brother to her father and for using his name!

When she had returned to the Celestial Palace, the Jade Emperor had suddenly said to them that it was time for him to ascend to the Celestial Realm. That announcement had taken Yi Si, the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling by surprise!

Yi Si asked, "Grandpa? You are able to ascend to the Celestial Realm? We all thought that you have not attained the Divine Stage of Crisis yet?"

The Celestial Liege was also curious, "Ever since Lele took away our last remaining Heavenly Relics, we have lacked a stepping stone for us to overcome the upper divine stages. It may take us a few centuries more to attain ascension..."

The Jade Emperor stroked his long beard as he sighed softly. All of a sudden the colors of his eyes turned a glaring yellow and everyone was so startled that they had taken a few steps backward!

He heaved a soft sigh, "There is something that I must let you know. All along, all of you have been taught that there are only two known realms, the Mundane Realm and the Celestial Realm. But in actual fact, there are six realms altogether. These are the Three Known Realms and the Three Invisible Realms. The Three Known Realms are the Mortal Mundane Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Ninth Heavens Immortal Realm. The Three Invisible Realms are the Desolate Realm, the Great Beyond and the Spatial Realm."

Yi Si, the Celestial Liege and the Confession Lady looked at each other...

Yi Si smiled, "Grandpa, I can understand there is an Immortal Realm above the Celestial Realm. But I am more interested to know about the three Invisible Realms? I like to visit the Invisible Realms one day!"

The Jade Emperor laughed jovially, "No one ever goes to the three Invisible Realms and no one really knows if it really exist or not."

Yi Si looked a little disappointed but she quickly overcomes her disappointment as she asked jovially, "But Grandpa, how are you going to go to the Celestial Realm?"

The Jade Emperor laughed, "I am not the only one who is going to the Celestial Realm. The three of you are going with me too!"

The Celestial Liege, Yi Si and Ye Ling were startled!

Ye Ling asked, "We can go too? I am afraid that our cultivation and attainment is far from that..."

In fact, she had given up hope on ascending to the Celestial Realm a long time ago. That was because there was no one to guide her and the Jade Emperor was always meditating behind closed doors.

The Jade Emperor sighed softly, "All these years, I have never truly guided all of you. That is my greatest regret. I wish that I have more time with all of you but I can't...it is because time flies differently in the Immortal Realm and Celestial Realm. I have to divine the major events in the Celestial Realm and the Immortal Realm. I have to prepare for the day that I can finally return to my place of origin..."

Yi Si asked suspiciously, "The Immortal Realm? Grandpa, are you a Celestial or an Immortal? You can divine the major happenings of the Immortal Realm?"

The Jade Emperor knew that he had a slip of a tongue so he quickly said, "I have with me three Ancient Immortal Artefacts, the Eternal Lotus, the Primordial Heaven Chart and the Tranquil Flute. Because all of you are already competent experts in the Celestial Force, wielding the three Ancient Immortal Artefacts to ascend to the Celestial Realm shouldn't be a problem. However..."

He appeared to be melancholy...

Yi Si stepped forward to comfort her grandpa, "Yes Grandpa? Is there something you want to tell us?"

The Jade Emperor said solemnly, "No matter how competent you are in the Celestial Force, it is still risky to try to seize control of the Ancient Immortal Artefacts. But that is not all. The place that I will be going will be very dangerous..."

Yi Si said firmly, "Grandpa, I am not afraid. After all, I hope to be united with my parents one day!"

The Celestial Liege laughed, "My niece is indeed brave. Therefore how could your uncle be a coward otherwise? I am going there too. I will like very much to see how if Yi Ping has shown any improvements or he has been bullying my sister Huan Le!"

The Confession Lady Ye Ling smiled as she looked endearing at the Celestial Liege, “I am going as well! Someone has to keep you out of trouble!”

The Jade Emperor appeared to be considering for a while before he muttered, “Ye Ling, I am giving you the Tranquil Flute. Si’Er, I am going to give you the Eternal Lotus...”

That was how Yi Si had obtained the Eternal Lotus, an Ancient Immortal Artefact and merging one with the Eternal Lotus, she had elevated herself as a Golden Celestial!

But that was only because of her divine state of attainment was purer and prior to this, she had already grasped the essence of the Exuberant Divine Skill, a heart intricate divine skill that belonged to the Nangong Clan.

As for Ye Ling, she too had become a Golden Celestial after merging with the Tranquil Flute but for the Celestial Liege, he was only able to forcefully wield the Primordial Heaven Chart but failed to merge with it and he remained a celestial practitioner.

The Celestial Liege laughed it off, “Even though I have failed to become a True Celestial, the fact remains that my martial level is much higher than the two of you. What good is attainment without any competent martial skills to match it? When I have become a True Celestial, my advancement will be greater than any of you!”

It was true that divine state of cultivation attainment and martial state of advancement are different. Both are able to advance concurrently!

The instant that the Jade Emperor, Yi Si, the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling had ascended to the Celestial Realm, they had seen a gigantic black dome in the lightning harkening skies.

The Jade Emperor said to them, “That is the Stellar Sanctuary and we are going there...”

Yi Si was startled by the gigantic size of the Stellar Sanctuary but she quickly composed herself, “We are not going to look for my parents?”

Maybe they are able to help you too, Grandpa...”

The Jade Emperor smiled gently to her, “There is no time to lose. But if your parents are with the Heavenness then they will surely be in the Stellar Sanctuary. Since they will be there, why look for them in other places?”

That was how they had entered the Stellar Sanctuary!

During their most recent ascend to the Stellar Sanctuary, they had bumped into the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess who had immediately recognized the Jade Emperor!

Unfortunately at that time they were facing a difficult five element tribulation of wind, fire, thunder, lightning and water which separated them!

That was how Yi Si was in the company of the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and shortly afterward they had encountered the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa who appeared to be injured.

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess immediately attended to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa while Yi Si had gathered the intricate force of her Eternal Lotus as they treated her internal injuries.

That was then the three of them had formed a temporary party together!

And shortly afterward, they had encountered Yi Ping and his group!

Yi Si had not dreamed that she would be able to find her parents so soon but to her shock, the mesmerizing heavenly lady that they had rescued was actually a Desolate Goddess and that the enemy that had injured her was actually her father, Yi Ping!

Back to the present Yi Ping continued to heave a soft sigh, “We are truly lost now. The terrains here all look the same. Which are the higher mountains, it is difficult to discern. We can only go blind and hope to find a way up quickly.”

All the rest of the group could only nod.

Alice said quietly, “Even though I have been to the Stellar Sanctuary



before but I have never felt as lost as now. It is like we are trapped in a formation.”

Asura nodded as she lifted her Symphony of Destiny in different directions, “Even my divine staff can’t seem to discern the direction. This is weird indeed...”

Isa said uneasily, “The Symphony of Destiny and the Stellar Sanctuary are linked together. It is indeed weird that it will malfunction here. It is like...”

The Heaviness Lingfeng lifted her fingers to divine while saying, “It is like this place is a deathtrap of the Stellar Sanctuary. On all appearances, it is a tranquil place and there are no dangers whatever so but it is this calmness that hide all manners of invisible dangers.”

Alice tapped her foot gently before saying, “Six is the number of center points of sacred geometry of life. Six is the number of realms in the cosmos. Six is the number of days divisible by the cosmos. Therefore six represents power and authority.”

Youxue smiled mesmerizing at Yi Ping, “So that is why the Great God Pangu has eighteen consorts, six for each of the Three Known Realms?”

Yi Ping groaned, “This is not the time for this. We should try to find a way out of our predicaments first.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, “Then why don’t you be on your way? It is not like there are no routes to the top, am I right?”

Yi Ping sighed, “It is not as simple as that...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping and Lingfeng said at the same time, “You know the way?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa answered them, “What is so difficult about that? Even though the formations here are intricate but I am still able to sense it. I am only curious why the whole lot of you is walking in circles.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “You obviously know our intentions yet you did

not tell us...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “You have never ask me so why should I be so talkative? I don’t even know where you want to go in the first place and the scenery here is so beautiful so why should I be in a hurry?”

Yi Ping was speechless as he muttered, “Indeed, indeed...”

The rest of the group was also stunned by her!

But Yi Ping quickly asked, “Can you lead us?”

Yi Si was also pleading, “Please...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa flashed her glances at everyone, “I am more than willing to lead the way but why didn't anyone of you say anything about this sooner?”

# Chapter 195: The Desolate Cauldron Goddess

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had guided them to the bottom of a gorge, “The entrance to the next level should be inside. But let me make myself clear first, I am not responsible for any casualties or dangers!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “We understand and we are already grateful...”

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa warned aloud, “Hold!”

She began to look intently at the imposing tall gorge around them as she sighed softly, “This is a death trap! We have to get out of here immediately!”

Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Alice and everyone was asking, “What is wrong?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess warned aloud, “Ahead of us is the Cosmos Water Formation. Most of us will definitely be swept by the torrential waters once it is activated!”

The expressions of the Universal Old Man was suddenly alive as he said passionately, “It is just water. Do we have to chicken out just like this?”

He proceeded to pat Yi Ping on his shoulder, “What do you say? This is but a little tribulation or are you afraid of getting wet?”

Yi Ping of course was not afraid and he replied without any hesitation, “I am not afraid but surely the Great Goddess Nuwa has her reasons to raise concern?”

The Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and Skylord Jun were all saying aloud at the same time, “I am not afraid too...”

Skylord Jun was looking at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa with a puzzled expression, “The Cosmos Water Formation may be a powerful formation but if we are careful then it won’t be life threatening...”

Yi Ping was suddenly startled when he had noticed that Alice, Lingfeng, Aiel, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and many of the maidens were all flushing and were looking shyly away!

Aiel was clenching her short skirt and fingering her dress tightly around her as she flushed, "Let's us turn back. Surely there is another way..."

It was only then that Yi Ping realized why they had those reactions. He looked at the Universal Old Man with a half amused look, "Protégé master...brother, surely that is not the reason why you are so excited?"

The Universal Old Man protested immediately, "Of course not! I am looking at the bigger picture. After all, we have been struck here for too long..."

Lingfeng had suddenly given him a hard knock on his head as she hummed coldly, "I dare you to say that again!"

The Universal Old Man began to grumble, "My Heavenness! Even you have misunderstood me...Yu'Er, Mei'Er, surely you understand me best..."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were flushing shyly as they looked at each other, doing their best to restrain from commenting!

Ye Yin hummed coldly, "He has that dirty look all over his face and..."

She looked at the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords before she continued, "Surely not..."

The Lord Supreme immediately stammered after he had realized that the Universal Old Man had just fixed them into an awkward spot, "Surely not! That is not what I am thinking. I am a highly attained celestial..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords cursed the Universal Old Man, "I can't believe that you will mislead us like that. To think that we are now....brothers...I can't believe what I have done..."

Skylord Jun smiled weakly, "It is what we have done..."

The Universal Old Man laughed heartily as he protested weakly, "It is all a misunderstanding! I am a highly attained Celestial and an immortal practitioner now. Don't think too much..."

Yi Ping immediately stepped in, "I trust my protégé master. He doesn't have any ill-intentions. Let's us heed the advise of the Great Goddess Nuwa and leave this vicinity..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted with a fluster look, “My immortal title now is the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa. You ought well to remember that!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he turned back, “Yes, yes. Let’s us find another way then...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had stepped forward to raise her hand to say, “No, wait stop...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping had bumped into the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

Immediately Yi Ping was seized by a martial force as he was slapped hard by the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and he was immediately floored onto the ground by her!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa flushes hotly, “How dare you outrage my modesty. How dare you!...”

Yi Ping was stunned as he stammered, “I didn’t do that on purpose. You have suddenly stopped...”

Skylord Jun was startled. He was about to lend Yi Ping a helping hand to help him up and was muttering, “I am sure that Brother Yi did not dump into your exalted on purpose...”

But before he could finish, both Lingfeng and Youxue had given Yi Ping a hard kick as they said at the same time with total disbelief, “You definitely did that on purpose!”

The Lord Supreme and Immortal Saint of Swords were about to protest Yi Ping’s innocence as well but when they saw that Lingfeng and Youxue had suddenly stepped in accuse him instead of clarifying for him, they were too stunned to say anything!

The Universal Old Man was muttering to Yi Ping as he shook his head solemnly, “Ping’Er, why are you being so rude to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa? I am really disappointed with you...”

He appeared to be righteous, causing the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa

and many of the maidens to nod with indignant!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa muttered to the Universal Old Man, “You are a good man. He should learn more from you.”

In actual fact she was feeling a little guilty for slapping and flooring Yi Ping to the ground on a moment of quick reflex. She was actually expecting the group to turn against her for her quick rage and was surprised that many of the group was actually admonishing Yi Ping instead!

Yi Ping muttered something incoherent as he blinked his eyes before he said, “I am sorry...”

The Universal Old Man helped him up as he secretly winked at him with his back facing the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa while saying, “Actually Yi Ping may be rude but surely I believe that it is only an accident...”

Yi Ping saw the hint immediately and thought, “My protégé master must be trying to help me...”

Indeed, his conclusions were reinforced when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa quickly said, “I will let it pass then but only for this once!”

But he was suspiciously questioning himself, “Why is it that I feel that this is a setup? I mustn’t think this way...”

One must know that if anyone was in this awkward situation themselves, it was difficult for anyone to drawn upon the correct conclusion. Moreover Yi Ping was also distracted by many uncomfortable stares and rebukes!

Lele was humming coldly to Yi Si, “So that is your father. Clumsy as ever.”

Yi Si was giggling softly as she smiled gently, “That is just an accident. Surely everyone has their bad moments.”

Shen Xingyue was muttering, “I don’t know who he is...”

Ye Yin sighed softly, “So do I...”

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Han Lin and Aiel were the only ones protesting for Yi Ping while Isa, Alice, Asura and Xiang completely kept quiet!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess looked at Yi Ping wryly, "What? There is no punishment for knocking into the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa? Loss of honor must be paid in blood, obviously!"

Obviously she was trying to stir up trouble...

But much to the relief of Yi Ping, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, "Good sister, he has already apologized and it is also partly my fault."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess raised her eyebrows in astonishment as she thought, "This is so astonishing. That the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa will blame herself? This is indeed news!"

Yi Ping quickly muttered, "It is all my fault. I sincerely apologize again..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said nonchalantly but seemed to have accepted his apologies, "Actually we do have a way to overcome this Cosmos Water Formation."

Alice asked, "We do?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled mysteriously as she pointed at Youxue all of a sudden, "That's right. Don't you have the Nine Divine Cauldron? The Nine Divine Cauldron is able to contain the waters of the Cosmos Water Formation so we don't have to be afraid of getting wet!"

Xiao Youxue smiled weakly, "Unfortunately, I don't have an idea how to use the Nine Divine Cauldron and I have never even encounter this Cosmos Water Formation before. So how am I going to help everyone?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "I can help you naturally. I can even help you to materialize the Nine Divine Cauldron!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hummed, "Be wary. I don't believe that she will be so kind."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, "You either have to

trust me or you have to turn back. What do you say? I have nothing to lose anyway. It is not that I am really interested to go to the top.”

Lele said coldly, “I don’t believe.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly as she pointed at Yi Ping, “If I can kill the Great God Pangu here then why should I bother to go to the top?”

Yi Ping began to shiver as he could feel a sudden malevolent that was coming from her!

But he said quietly, “Let’s turn back. Surely there are other ways...”

Youxue said all of a sudden, “No. If there is a way to overcome this Cosmos Water Formation then it is better for us to try. The other entrances may not be easier and may even be more treacherous.”

Yi Ping muttered, “Youxue...”

He was perplexed because he was unsure!

Yunzi was startled as she looked at Youxue, “Xue’Er, you ought to consider more carefully...”

Youxue said firmly, “I have already decided.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “That is good...”

Yi Ping immediately said as he bowed with both his hands, “Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, please hear me out first...”

He began to hesitate as he thought, “I hope that she will not harm Youxue but do I have the heart to say it out...”

But the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “You are suspecting that I have a hidden agenda?”

Yi Ping sighed softly as he muttered, “Indeed...”

The Universal Old Man was shaking his head as he thought, “Alas Ping’Er, you shouldn’t have admitted that. You will offend her...”

The rest of the maidens in the group were also heaving soft sighs as they knew that Yi Ping could readily admitted something than finding an



excuse for it!

But at the same time they were also secretly pleased. It was because Yi Ping had never changed all these years. It was precisely because of this reason that they had liked him and it was precisely because of this reason that they were all tangled in this messy relationship!

But beyond this relationship, they had also found a noble cause in life to continue their cultivation attainment. Life had suddenly becomes meaningful to them and because of that, their attainment had been swift!

It was because they all had love in their hearts!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly as she gazed piercingly at Yi Ping, "If you think that I will resort to underhand means then you are belittling me. Do you think that I will be willing to allow the Great God Pangu to seal me under the Divine Nine Cauldron?"

Yi Ping was speechless after this admonishment but he soon regained his light hearted; it was because he knew by now that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa would not harm Youxue so he replied, "Yes, yes!"

Lie Qing was indignant, "Ping'Er, you are too spineless! An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth!"

Yi Ping smiled gently at her, "That is alright."

Mei'Er was giggling as she looked lovingly at Yi Ping, "Spineless is good!"

Yu'Er was also nodding happily!

Aiel too, was nodding quietly and it was obvious that she was looking idolizing at Yi Ping!

When Han Lin saw her expressions, she pursed her lips and lowered her head; she wished that she would be as brave as Aiel...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled all of a sudden as she flashed behind Youxue as she gave her a gentle rub on her back, "Don't move. I am now transferring my vital energies into you to materialize your Divine Nine Cauldron. Simply close your eyes and focus yourself!"

Youxue did as she was told and closed her eyes.

It was not long that wisps of smoke began to appear on top of her head!

Everyone was gasping, not knowing what to expect. After all, they had never seen anything like this before!

All of a sudden Youxue had opened her eyes and her golden eyes were beaming like fire!

Immediately multi-colors prisms of rainbows began to flutter around her as the fire mark that was on her forehead began to flare brightly!

Alice, Asura, Isa, Xiang, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and Aiel were all gasping as they said at the same time, "It is an auspicious omen!"

Alice added quickly, "It seemed that Youxue has advanced her immortal practice to the Celestial Unison! Impossible, I can't believe it..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coolly, "Youxue, I have imbued my Great Desolate Force into you. Your Divine Icefire Internal Energies lacked the desolate strength to make it even stronger. So count yourself lucky to have me to help you. Not only that, your Heaven Eyes has now advanced to the Sixth Positioning!"

Youxue was startled as she gasped, "Why are you giving me such help?"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess took a step back as she muttered, "Not only that, Maiden Youxue has also just overcome her Divine Crisis and has attained the Celestial Unison..."

Lele was startled, "The same as me now?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled wryly as she continued to channel her Great Desolate Force onto Youxue, "More than that!"

All of a sudden Youxue gave a soft scream as a golden halo immediately enveloped around her!

The Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Asura gasped at the same time, "She is transforming into an Immortal Being now!"

Yi Ping was staring in disbelief as he too, gasped. “What? Youxue is going to be an Immortal soon?!”

Alice said quietly, “Yes, she is advancing past the Celestial Unison now...”

His thoughts were interrupted by a sudden burning golden martial force around Youxue as nine beaming golden shards began to materialize around her!

And these nine golden shards began to burst into brilliant golden radiances as it sped with blinding speed around Youxue, forming into part by part into a golden sword!

This golden sword seemed to be consisted of nine shard parts and it was burning with a blue and red aura!

It was obvious from the burning aura of this golden sword that this was an immortal sword that could rival Alice’s Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword and Yi Ping’s Fantian Sovereign Sword!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “This is your Divine Nine Cauldron Sword and you are now an immortal. From now on, you will be the Desolate Cauldron Goddess!”

Youxue was gasping with fatigue from the ordeal as she stammered in astonishment, “Huh? I am the Desolate Cauldron Goddess?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled mysteriously, “Welcome to the dark side! After you have used my Great Desolate Force to further yourself, do you think that you can distance yourself from the Desolate Powers now? Therefore I welcome you as one of us, as a Desolate Goddess!”

Youxue had turned ashen and was traumatized, “You...what have you done with me...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, “I need allies to fight the Great God Pangu and you are the perfect vessel for the Desolate Powers!”

Yi Ping had already unsheathed his divine swords as he shouted angrily,  
“Let go of Youxue now!”

# Chapter 196: The Cosmos Water Formation

Yi Ping was cursing himself silently, "I am such an idiot to trust this Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked coldly at Yi Ping, "So you want to kill me now, don't you? Well, this is your chance!"

Youxue panicky called out to both of them, "No, wait!"

All the others had already grouped around the three of them and they were indignant by the ruse that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had pulled off in front of their eyes!

The Goddess Isa said coldly, "Yi Ping, since she wants a fight then we will give it to her!"

Ye Yin smiled coldly, "So be it! I am not one that will shy away from a fight!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, "I will rip your body apart..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping lowered his swords and said gently, "Let's go."

The Universal Old Man and many of the group were startled, "Let's go?"

Even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa appeared to be startled, "You are afraid?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at Youxue who was nodding at him, "I am such an idiot to fall into your ruse..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded nonchalantly, "Indeed. It is already too late now..."

Yi Ping continued, "I almost fall into your ruse to fight with you. Even though I do not know your true intention and why you are provoking me to fight with you. But I refuse to be provoked by you..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa shuddered slightly as she stared

coldly at him, "So you are afraid..."

Yi Ping replied gently, "You have expended such a great deal of your vital internal strength to advance Youxue's attainment. Alas...instead of thanking you, I want to pick a fight with you and have even incited everyone against you. At your current state, you may not be able to win against me let alone against so many of us. You are courting against your own death!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was expressionless as she appraised Yi Ping quietly before she quickly said, "That is only your wishful thinking and I may not lose. And moreover, you are forgetting that I have the aid of the Desolate Cauldron Goddess to help me..."

Yi Ping smiled gently before he turned around to look up to the heavens, "I have absolute trust in Youxue. She won't help you. Even if she is tainted with your Great Desolate Force, she is still the Youxue of my heart. She will not betray me and I will not betray her. Maybe that is something that you may not understand but one day you will be able to."

Youxue smiled delightfully as she looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "You have underestimate Yi Ping and you have overestimated yourself. You have also belittled me. While I am grateful to you but I won't help you!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was shivering lightly as she looked at Yi Ping's back. Instead of rage, she seemed to be affected by his tranquil aura as she hummed coldly. "You are different..."

She quickly flashed a look at everyone, "So what are you all waiting for? Aren't we supposed to storm this Cosmos Water Formation?"

Yi Ping turned around as he gave her a surprise look, astonished of her sudden change but he quickly added. "Let's us go then..."

He had already sheathed his swords as he took bold strides forward!

Lingfeng pursed her lips as she looked at Yi Ping. She seemed to feel a heavy weight in his heart...

She was not the only maiden that had felt the same as Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye

Yin, Shen Xingyue, Yunzi, Xingyue, Aiel, Alice and the others could feel the same too but he was not sharing it with them!

Alice lowered her glance as she said, “What are we waiting for? Let’s hurry!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had already flashed rapidly in front as she grabbed the startled Youxue, “Don’t be afraid. If we want to sweep the Cosmos Water Formation aside then we have to do it together...”

Barely had she said that, there was a trembling earthquake in the gorge and everyone could hear the rushing sound of waters that were rumbling from afar!

Youxue was startled, “The Cosmos Water Formation is starting?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, “If you do as I say then there is nothing for you to be afraid.”

Yi Ping panicky shouted as he flashed to them, “Xue’Er, be careful!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa raised her foot to hit the ground, bursting the ground beneath her as she raised her hands to send flying pebbles toward Yi Ping who evaded it easily, “Stay away! You are useless here!”

Youxue turned around to say, “Brother Ping! Don’t worry!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he hastily stepped back.

The Heaveness Lingfeng said to him as he stepped back, “So you are thinking of joining them for a swim?”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he rubbed his nose, “You never know...”

Lingfeng teased him, “Great God Pangu...”

Yi Ping smiled gently, “Heaveness Lingfeng...”

Lingfeng laughed softly, “Illiterate Great God Pangu...”

Yi Ping smiled, “The sentimental Heaveness...”

Lingfeng gave him a gentle look as they exchanged secret loving glances with each other...

As they were the only ones in front at this moment, none of the group noticed their secret glances as they exchanged their secret admiration for each other through their Great Translucence Emptiness...

Yi Ping immediately remembered his first kiss with Lingfeng and secretly smiled.

Lingfeng gave him a wry smile as she began to flush and kicked him gently again!

Yi Ping remembered when he had first met Lingfeng, he was really scared of her but after they had fled the Honor Manor together, he began to cherish all her little actions. In fact, he was really heartbroken when she had taken the initiative to sacrifice herself to lure their pursuers away. So when he had met her again, he was really delighted!

Others may not know why Lingfeng enjoyed throwing pebbles or kicking him. They may not even know that Yi Ping was also enjoying it!

It was because this was their own ways of secretly reminiscing their lost times together without evoking the jealousy of the others!

But of course not all the maidens were fooled by them!

Yi Si took a quick glance at Lele and thought, "Mother isn't jealous?"

She had noticed that her mother was quietly stroking her braided hair and was tapping her fingers on her scythe, more concerned about what was going to happen than what was going on between her father and Lingfeng!

Yu'Er smiled gently to Yi Si when she had noticed her expressions, "One day you will be able to understand us. One day you will be able to understand how arduous it is for us to be together. This goes beyond mere possessions and relationships..."

Yi Si was startled when Yu'Er had suddenly talked to her.

At the same time Mei'Er had tugged her gently, "You must be thinking that we are so young and why must all of us be in this sticky relationship?"



Yi Si nodded for this was something that she could not understand!

Mei'Er laughed softly, "Tell you something. Do you know that we are around the same age as you?"

Yi Si was startled and was staring at Mei'Er...

Yu'Er laughed softly, "It is the truth. We are young not because of our cultivation attainment. We are only in our early twenties!"

Yi Si stared at Yu'Er and Mei'Er in disbelief!

Yu'Er laughed softly, "And that Sister Youxue is the same age as you as well!"

Yi Si quickly recovered from her surprise and she was soon smiling, "My father is so lucky! I am so lucky!"

Lele looked back and winked at her while Lie Qing was also smiling!

Yi Si felt electrified by their amicable atmosphere and because of that, she had unknowingly advanced in her Exuberant Divine Skill!

She thought as her eyes watered, "They are all able to get along so well together and are selfless..."

It was because for the last couple of days, all these maidens including the normally cold Goddess Celestial Alice and the haughty Goddess Isa had taught her many martial intricate formulas selflessly and were all really nice to her...

All of a sudden everyone could see a torrential of rushing water that were rushing through from both sides of the gorge!

Yi Ping was stunned; the force of the torrential waters was as tall as the gorge and the force was enough to sweep aside even a city wall!

He began to fear for the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Youxue!

Lingfeng whispered, "They will be alright..." Even though she was saying so but her very eyes were anxious!

All of a sudden they could see that Youxue had thrust her ancient immortal sword into the ground in a golden brilliant of light and at the

same time, the vicinity around them were exploded by their sudden display of Great Desolate Force!

Yi Ping was gasping as he witnessed their Great Desolate Force splitting the ground beneath them as lava and ice burst out of the ground!

Immediately there were clouds of vapors that were around the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Youxue as the torrential waters struck the lava and ice. Some of the waters had also disappeared into the holes of the ground that stretched half a mile all around them!

Even though Yi Ping and his group were standing more than two miles away but they could feel the terrifying power of the torrential waters that were shaking the entire gorge!

Yi Ping had broken into a cold sweat; prior to this, he had not imagined that this Cosmos Water Formation would be so terrifying. If he was the one standing in front, he would surely be swept away by the towering torrential waters and would be killed instantly if he got slammed to the sides of the gorge!

But barely had the torrential waters slammed around the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Youxue, it began to subside and the waters had trickled around the gorge, turning the entire vicinity into a stream.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Youxue immediately collapsed onto the watery ground with exhaustion!

Yi Ping had immediately flashed to Youxue and had lifted her up, "Youxue! Are...you alright?"

Youxue opened her eyes and smiled weakly, "I am...alright!"

Yi Ping smiled warmly, "Good, good..."

Youxue cuddled to him tightly and warmly as she trembled, "Ping'Er, I am an immortal now. I have never dreamed of it. Does it mean that we have to separate once we have left the Stellar Sanctuary? I...don't want to...I want to be with you..."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, "No, we won't be separated. But even if we

do, it will only be temporary. I will find a way to the Immortal Realm to look for you one day. There are still Alice, Isa, Xiang, Aiel, Asura, Skylord Jun and even Lele. So you won't be alone. I will find you then we will be together again..."

Youxue shivered as she muttered, "That is good. I hope it won't be too long..."

Yi Ping nodded and held her even tighter.

They failed to notice that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was still lying on the ground and was staring at them with a burning envy!

All of a sudden she was startled when Yi Ping had suddenly turned around as he exercised his martial force lightly to dissipate the waters around her and drying her clothes. He grabbed her hand to lift her up as he asked gently, "Are you alright?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lowered her gaze as she said quietly, "I am alright..."

At the same time they were quickly surrounded by the rest of the group as they crowded around them excitedly, "We have broken through the Cosmos Water Formation!"

The Universal Old Man laughed, "Now we are on the way to the next level. I want to get out of this level quickly even though I am still curious in exploring this level for its secrets but this level is simply too mysterious."

Yunzi smiled to Youxue, "Sister, well done!"

The Lord Supreme was laughing too, "It is lucky that we have Maiden Youxue and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa here or else we have to find another passage through. Good, good!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords on the other hand was looking anxious and the Skylord Jun asked, "What is wrong?"

The Immortal Saint of Swords muttered, "Somehow I just have an ominous feeling about this. I can't explain it but I have been in dangers

too many times and experienced through countless celestial formations... this gives me the exact feeling..."

The Universal Old Man laughed, "You are thinking too much. We are perfectly safe now..."

But no sooner had he said that, the steep cliffs around them were zapping with golden brilliant lights, much like a gigantic net!

This startled everyone!

Alice, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Isa and Asura were the first to turn ashen as they all said together, "Oh no!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lifted her fingers to do a quick calculation, "Be careful! That Cosmos Water Formation is not the main formation. This is actually a formation within a formation!"

Yi Ping was startled, "Another formation..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice quickly gasped, "Everyone be careful! This is the Ten Thousand Celestials Formation! We have fallen into a trap!..."

No sooner had she said that, she had disappeared in a brilliant burst of light!

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang panicky said, "This is one of the deadliest celestial formations in the entire Three Known Realms. Not even a Desolate Power can escape from it..."

Yi Ping was startled that brilliant bursts of light had begun to flash all around and was taking everyone away and soon he too was surrounded by the same brilliant flash of light!

All he could hear was the divine echo of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa warning everyone, "This Ten Thousand Celestials Formation is a deadly celestial formation that can kill even the immortals. We will be teleported to different locations of this formation..."

# Chapter 197 : The Secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary

There was a glaring light and Yi Ping found himself in a dim white chamber with two passages.

His first thoughts were, "Where am I?"

At the same time there were four other beams of brilliant light and Yi Ping could see that it was the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Lingfeng, Lie Qing and Xingyue!

When the glaring lights had dissipated, they were all staring blankly at each other...

Xingyue was the first to regain her composure as she looked around their surroundings, "Where are we?"

Lingfeng suddenly pointed at the ground, "Look!"

They could see several golden skeletons that lay scattering around...

Yi Ping was startled, "These are the remains of the other celestials?"

Lingfeng nodded, "It seems to be so."

Lie Qing was laughing softly, "Good! I am with you, Ping'Er. I dread to think that I am with the Universal Old Man or that boring Skylord Jun!"

Yi Ping had turned extremely solemn and it was noticed by Lingfeng who asked, "What is wrong?"

He said nervously, "Now that we are separated, I am worried for the others."

Immediately all the others fell into deathly silence!

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, "Don't worry about them and worry about ourselves first. Most likely, we are all going to die here!"

Yi Ping asked, "What do you mean? We are all going to die here?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded as she continued to examine the chamber with her eyes, "That is right. If I am right then we are teleported to six different locations of this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation and in order to break this formation, we have to neutralize the formation core at our location. Or else..."

Yi Ping noticed her silence and asked, "Or else?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly, "Or else we are all going to die here."

Yi Ping asked, "Even for you, you will die?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yi Ping for a moment as she trembled lightly. It was obvious that she was hesitated to say it loud to everyone!

Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue and Lie Qing were three of the super smart exponents of the martial fraternity. Immediately they could guess the very reason why the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was hesitating. It was because no one was willing to share their own weakness!

So the first thought that they had in mind was, "The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has a weakness? She can be killed here?"

Yi Ping was not dense and he was aware of the reason too. So he said quietly to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "We have already entered into a temporary alliance. I won't hurt you even at your current state. I know that I can't ask you to trust me but all of us here have no intention to become a dark practitioner and none of us will seek such a despicable mean to advance our own cultivation attainment..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly, "You will never know. When that opportunity is presented in front of you, surely you will be tempted! Because you don't want to die and because you can rid yourself of a strong opponent at the same time too!"

Lie Qing immediately interrupted, "But not him! If you think that Ping'Er is like that, you must be mistaken! Do you know, do you know..."

She was suddenly trembling and her eyes were beaming with tears, "Do

you know that he has actually used his one and only precious Divine Dragon Pill to revive me even though he did not know who I am at that time? He could have ignored me and seized my precious divine sword for himself but he did not! He did not!..."

She was sobbing and her voice was trembling incoherently!

Even Lingfeng was beaming with tears as she recalled the number of times Yi Ping would repay those who he owed a debt to instead of advancing his own interests first, "That is right. If you think Yi Ping or anyone of us are just playacting to put you off-guard then you must be mistaken! I don't want to explain it. Think what you like of us!"

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue lowered her gaze and she too was trembling, "I have always believe that Yi Ping is the White Sage and his heart is kind. If he dares to become a dark practitioner, I will surely kill him and after that, I will surely end my life!"

It was obvious that Xingyue still sorely missed the White Sage from her melancholy eyes!

Yi Ping lowered his gaze, unable to face her. It was because he had no idea if he was able to become the White Sage of her heart...

Xingyue smiled bitterly, "But no matter what, we should try our very best to get out of this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation first, am I right to say so?"

Lingfeng and Lie Qing were quietly looking at each other and they were secretly sighing. Other than Ye Yin, Xingyue was not particular close to any of them. It was because she was the sole survivor of the Dark Descendant that had fallen a thousand years ago or a mere one hundred years in the Celestial Realm. To the immortals, it was but a mere ten years had passed!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly, "Enough. Your stories do not interest me nor am I afraid of any of you..."

She paused for a while and her eyes softened, "If you try to exercise your vital energies, do all of you feel more weary than usual, instead of feeling

more refresh?”

Yi Ping inhaled and exhaled his vital energies through his Divine Revelation and was startled to realize that it was indeed the case!

Xingyue, Lie Qing and Lingfeng were startled as well as they muttered, “What is going on?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa explained, “In this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation, we are unable to regain our internal strength. In short the longer that we are trapped here, we will run the risk of dooming ourselves. The sapping energies of this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation can even destroy a Desolate Power.”

When the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had explained to this point, everyone began to realize the graveness of their situation!

Yi Ping blurted out, “We cannot regain our strength here...”

Lingfeng stared blankly at the golden skeletons around here, “So they have all perished in the tribulations of the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation here...”

Xingyue nodded, “I have seen the records of the Holy Ascension Sect. Over the years, the Stellar Sanctuary has claimed the lives of at least half a million celestials!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled bitterly, “If I know this will happen then I rather be sealed by the Divine Nine Cauldron. Alas! I wonder what I will become after I have met my demise. I wonder which hero will have the honor of wielding me.”

Yi Ping was perplexed as he asked, “Wield you? What do you mean?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at him with a bewildered look, “Don’t tell me you did not know that all the sacrificed practitioners here will be used for the divine treasures of the Stellar Sanctuary?”

Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Shen Xingyue and Lie Qing were all stunned by this revelation!

Upon witnessing their expressions, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa



looked at them with a beguiled look as she asked. “Then where do you think the divine treasures come from?”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly because he had never thought of that before...

Lingfeng had a sudden realization as she muttered, “Actually we do know that when the ascension to the Celestial Realm fails, there is a chance for a Heavenly Relic to be created in the process...”

Xingyue gasped, “So the Stellar Sanctuary is using the deaths of all the practitioners to...”

Lie Qing was astonished as she continued, “Don’t tell me that the entire Stellar Sanctuary is all but a deceptive trap to lure all of us?!”

Yi Ping was trembling, “Why...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said nonchalantly, “If they don’t have greed in their hearts in the first place then they will be able to ascend as true immortals in the future. This is all but a test of their worthiness.”

Yi Ping was trembling as he looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “True immortals? What do you mean?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa replied nonchalantly, “The Stellar Sanctuary isn’t just a place to test the celestial practitioners, it is also a place to test the hearts of the immortals.”

Yi Ping was muttering, “To test the hearts of the immortals?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, “The immortals are not perfect or else they won’t be tempted to seek out the remnant powers of the Great God Pangu. I am sure that you have witnessed their cruelty and their callous behaviors.”

The Heaviness Lingfeng hummed coldly, “The ways of the immortals have nothing to do with us.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gave her an icy smile, “Oh really? But aren’t you trying to attain as an immortal? If you are able to attain as an immortal then won’t the ways of the immortals be also your way?”

Lingfeng was stunned...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa snapped her fingers, “Do you really think the Immortal Realm will be any different from the Celestial Realm? Even if you are able to ascend to the Immortal Realm, you will only be a lowly immortal unless you decide to assert your rights. And to assert your rights, you need to demonstrate your martial strength or else you will be forced to accept their ways. And do you think the immortals will be pleased to acknowledge you?”

Lingfeng looked at her and said all of a sudden, “Just who are you?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly, “I am the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa...”

Lingfeng interrupted, “Are you a good or a bad person?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa appeared to be amused by her, “Naturally a bad person. After all, I am a Desolate Power and I will kill without any hesitation...”

Lingfeng said quietly, “I don’t know. But somehow I feel....I don’t know...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said all of a sudden, “Actually you feel close to me. Is that what you want to say to me?”

Lingfeng was startled. She moved her lips silently and was speechless!

Lie Qing was observing the two of them. By now, she had her reasons to believe that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was playacting with them along but she could not discern her doubts yet as the level of divinity of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa made it impossible for her to read her expressions.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa continued, “Actually it is only natural for you to think it this way.”

Lingfeng looked at her, not understanding...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked intently at Lingfeng, “You are the Heavenness, formed from the pureness essence of the Righteous

Universal Force. I am the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, formed from the pureness essence of the Chaotic Desolate Force. I am the darkness while you are the light. But no matter how different we are, we do share the same origin.”

Lingfeng muttered, “We share the origin? Impossible! I am just a mere divine practitioner while you are an immortal...”

Even Yi Ping, Lie Qing and Xingyue were stunned by what the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had shared with Lingfeng...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa flashed a glance at Yi Ping before looking back at Lingfeng again, “In the beginning, there was just the chaotic desolate and out of the chaotic desolate came forth the Desolate God and Goddess. Among them was the Great God Pangu!”

Lingfeng was startled, “The Great God Pangu is a Desolate God?!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be staring blankly and her voice had become almost inconsolable, “Not only the Great God Pangu but also the Great Goddess Fantian. That is because the Universal Force did not exist back then. Then the Great God Pangu discovered the Universal Force...”

She had suddenly turned around and was seen trembling!

All of a sudden Yi Ping thought that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was not that bad after all. So he said quietly, “Let’s go. No matter how perilous this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation is, we can’t be staying here all the time. Better to die trying than giving up our hopes.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was still shivering lightly, “Let me be. I am useless here. If you take me along, you will only be endangering yourself...”

Yi Ping interrupted firmly, “I refuse and I know that the rest of the group will refuse too!”

Xingyue said, “Ping’Er is right! So what if our trials increase in difficulty? We are in here together and we will not abandon each other!”

Even Lie Qing was saying, “Hmph! After you have saved our sorry asses from the three Heavenly Kings, expended almost your entire martial strength to aid Youxue to overcome her divine limitations and stopping the Cosmos Water Formation, you really think we will be so ungrateful as to abandon you here?”

Lingfeng scurried her white sleeves as she laughed alluringly, “My Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, we will not leave you in a lurch. Come with us!”

Yi Ping said quietly, “Yes, come with us! We are a party and we will never abandon each other!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked with trembling voice without turning her back, “We...we are a party?”

Yi Ping nodded, “Yes, that is right. If you want to, you can travel with us to the top of the Stellar Sanctuary too!”

Lingfeng said half-amusedly, “We have not even escape from this Ten Thousands Celestial Formation and someone is already dreaming of ascending to the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, “That is so true. I have almost forgotten...”

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had turned around with a flustered look. She lowered her gaze as she said, “I must make myself clear first. Don’t blame me if you suffer later. If I am in danger, don’t forget to give me a helping hand. This doesn’t change my opinion of everyone either so do not expect me to be grateful for anything...”

Even though she appeared to be harshly worded but everyone could tell that her tone had softened and she was none the haughty anymore...

Yi Ping was glad that she was joining them and that he had indeed learnt quite a few new things from her. He managed a smile as he marched forward, “Let’s go!”

But he stopped all of a sudden as he turned around with a perplexed look, “So which way? There are two passage ways...”

Lingfeng kicked him gently, “You have eyes but you don’t use it. When

you march off like this, we all thought that you have at least an idea. But now you are asking us which way to take?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I wasn’t thinking...”

Lie Qing laughed softly, “And wasn’t looking...”

Yi Ping laughed aloud and this was followed by Lingfeng, Lie Qing, Xingyue and even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

# Chapter 198: Reunification

Yi Ping and his group had walked into a chilly passage with tall imposing pillars at each side.

Even for their martial cultivation, they could still feel the supernatural cold of this place!

Yi Ping huffed out a cold breath as he said, "It is cold here..."

Lingfeng nodded as she shivered, "Yes, it is cold. Even with my Divine Invigorate Force and my Celestium Silk, I can still feel the cold..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping took off his outer garment and wrapped it around the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa when he noticed that she was shivering lightly as he thought, "I am so insensitive. She has expended much of her internal strength and must be cold..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled by Yi Ping's sudden gesture as she looked at him intently...

Yi Ping nodded gently at her before he marched off to the front of the group as he said, "We need to be extra vigilant. If there is any combat trial, let me test out the strength first or we will only be needlessly wasting our martial strength..."

Lingfeng smiled alluringly to him, "What a surprise. You are actually giving orders to us, hmph!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Lingfeng, don't keep talking and fall afoul of the traps here..."

Lingfeng threw a needle at him that struck his back hard with a zapping force before it fell to the ground!

Yi Ping protested, "You are for real? Why did you shoot your secret projectile at me..."

Lingfeng laughed softly, "Weird. Why didn't you dodge it? Just because you are protected by your martial strength, you really think that my needle can't pierce through to you? I am telling you, I just didn't want to

waste my martial strength on you!"

Lie Qing smiled shyly, "Obviously he is trying to show off in front of you to get your attention, Lingfeng!"

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "Qing'Er, even you are ganging up against me?"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "You mean I can't help my Sister Lingfeng?"

Lingfeng lifted her right fingers, "Yes, why can't she stand on my side?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "True..."

But even though he was agreeing but he could not help feeling a little sore in his heart. It was because Lie Qing was endeavoring to him and had been giving him her undying love!

Lingfeng stole a glance at Yi Ping as she thought, "If you can escape Lie Qing's charms then she won't be called the Heavenly Temptress. She is someone that you can be glad to have on your side than the opposing side."

Lie Qing laughed softly as she cuddled next to Yi Ping as she whispered, "Ping'Er, finally I can hug you. It's really hard to do so when Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Aiel and all the others around!"

She winked at Lingfeng, "Why, you want to cuddle to him too?"

Lingfeng flushed lightly as she protested, "Why want to get close to him, humph!"

Yi Ping was smiling as he rubbed his nose, "Yep right!"

But in his heart, he really wanted to hug Lingfeng but he decided to do it some other day. It was because he knew that Lingfeng was shy and they had secretly hinted with their eyes to wait when they were alone!

All of a sudden Xingyue walked past them; Yi Ping could sniff her fragrance scent and silken thread of flurrying hair as she said quietly, "I will scout ahead."

Yi Ping nodded as he sighed softly in his heart, "Xingyue..."

Such a beautiful and angelic maiden that had been faithfully waiting for him all these years and yet he could not give her his devoted love...

All of a sudden Xingyue turned her head around as she lowered her head with a wryly smile as she stamped the ground, "What are you waiting for? Aren't you coming too?"

Yi Ping was startled and he stammered as he looked at her thoroughly enticing look, "Yes, yes..."

Lie Qing whispered shyly as she saw Yi Ping's expressions, "So the Lady Xingyue can be so charming if she wants to. I suppose that I have to surrender my title as the Heavenly Temptress to her!"

Lingfeng was still flushing lightly, "Are you guys flirting? Don't forget we are in a precaution position..."

Xingyue protested shyly, "We are not..." as she pointed at the two passages in front of them. "Ping'Er, so which way do you think we should go?"

It was because there was another splitting passage in front of them, one left and one right!

Yi Ping hesitated for a while and was about to move to the right passage when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled gently to him, "Why don't we take the passage to the left side?"

Lie Qing lifted her head to look at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa warily...

Yi Ping laughed as he said, "Then let's take the left side. I can't really decide so let us do as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has suggested."

Lie Qing quickly smiled as she took a glance at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "I agree so let us be on our way."

Xingyue nodded as she turned around to enter the passage to the far left.

As they all entered the left passage, they entered another winding passage. This passage was equally as imposing as the other passages!



They had come to a wide stone hall with dripping water and fountains. It looked more like a recreational garden except that there were no plants!

It was an extremely tranquil place but Yi Ping, Lie Qing, Lingfeng, Xingyue and the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa could sense the hidden dangers that were all around them!

Yi Ping shouted to everyone, "Be careful!"

He had immediately unsheathed his swords as he leapt forward. Immediately dozens of beaming arrows flew from all directions toward him!

Yi Ping swirled his two divine swords all around him as he deflected all the arrows onto the ground as he puffed a soft breath, "It is safe now!"

Lingfeng gasped, "Not yet!"

It was because there were beams of golden lights that were zapping all around them and from these golden beams of zapping light, fifteen golden golems with gigantic shields and swords flashed all around them!

Yi Ping was startled and saw that these golden golems were at least a head taller than the Iron Golems that he had previously fought. Because he was nearest to them, he immediately swung his twin swords at the nearest golden golem but barely had he struck one, he was repelled by an invisible guarding force!

He gasped, "These golden golems are much stronger than the Iron Golems that we have fought previously..."

As Yi Ping was repelled, the other Golden Golems had quickly descended upon him!

Xingyue, Lie Qing and Lingfeng had quickly flashed next to them as they clashed with the fifteen Golden Golems immediately while the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was forced to watch!

Xingyue flashed her Blue Heavens Divine Sword across three Golden Golems but she too, was repelled by a strange inertial force!

Lie Qing had surrounded herself with ten golden inertia golden discs as

she ran through one of the Golden Golems and exploding it!

Yi Ping executed dozens of strikes on three of the Golem Golems as he turned to shout panicky to Lie Qing, “Qing’Er, don’t expend your martial strength too quickly. We can’t recover our strength here!”

Lie Qing gasped as raised her Eternal Light to hack another Golden Golem to exploding pieces while Yi Ping had just destroyed two other Golden Golems, “If we don’t our best then you have to shoulder all fighting to yourself. I can’t allow that...”

Almost at the same time Xingyue had displayed her Divine Rejuvenation Force to empower herself as she ran through two Golden Golems!

Lingfeng was astonished. It was because previously they were having a harder time fighting the Iron Golems and these Golden Golems were much more powerful but today, Lie Qing and Xingyue were able to handle these Golden Golems with ease!

In no time they had taken ten of the Golden Golems but that was why she had noticed that the martial strength of Yi Ping, Xingyue and Lie Qing were all faltering!

When they had taken the remaining five of the Golden Golems, Yi Ping, Lie Qing, Xingyue and Lingfeng were panting with exhaustion as they collapsed onto the ground!

Yi Ping murmured as he breathed heavily, “We have won...”

Lingfeng nodded with happiness, “Yes, we have won!”

Xingyue was also beaming with happiness, “It is much easier than I have thought this time...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa heaved a soft sigh, “Even so but...”

She swept at them with a melancholy glance before saying, “But don’t you think that this battle has taken too much of your strength? Can we overcome the next trial with your current strength?”

Yi Ping smiled gently as his eyes beamed with gladness, “It is more

important that we have overcome this present trial. We have all survived.”

Lie Qing nodded as she looked at Yi Ping, “That is right!”

Yi Ping got up and said, “Are everyone alright? Let’s us go now.”

Lie Qing smiled, “I am good. Let’s go!”

Lingfeng and Shen Xingyue answered without hesitation, “I am good too! Let’s go!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa pursed her lips as she looked at everyone as though she wanted to say something but hesitated for a while before saying quietly, “Let’s go then.”

All of a sudden the dissipate lights of the destroyed Golden Golems began to gather into place as one shining light!

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, “What is this?”

Lie Qing laughed softly, “It does seem that we are going to get something mysterious soon!”

Lingfeng was also laughing alluringly, “It does seem so. Hmm, I wonder what it is going to be.”

Their curiosity did not take long to be answered as the divine light quickly materialized into a blue glowing pill!

Yi Ping gasped, “It is a pill?”

Lingfeng stole a glance at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa before saying, “This is naturally a divine pill but what it is, I do not know.”

Lie Qing smiled without looking at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Or maybe the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa knows.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was obviously beaming with delight but she quickly regained her composure, “This is the Blue Aura Divine Pill. An extremely rare divine pill.”

Lingfeng, Xingyue and Lie Qing were all looking at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa to explain what it was for they had never heard of such a

divine pill before. Perhaps if the Goddess Celestial Alice or the other immortals were here, they would be able to give a clue but they were not here.

Now Lie Qing was not shy to ask as she smiled at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Blue Aura Divine Pill? Do you know what it is?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “It is a divine immortality pill that is capable of restoring the youth of the practitioner and gives everlasting youth. You are all so young so I don’t see why you need this Blue Aura Divine Pill. So why not give it to me?”

Lingfeng raised her glances at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “You don’t look so old to need this Blue Aura Divine Pill, am I right?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, “I have some wrinkles that I have a need to remove.”

Lingfeng, Xingyue and Lie Qing knew immediately that she had given them a lame excuse and they were not buying that!

But just as they were about to protest, Yi Ping had grabbed the glowing blue pill and given it to her. “Lady if you like to have it then you may have it.”

Lingfeng was startled as she groaned softly, “Not again. Ping’Er, this is not wise...”

Lie Qing was also shaking her head, “Ping’Er, you are really giving it to her...”

Yi Ping nodded and said, “We have agreed to split the loot between us. Even though she may be a temporary member but she is still a member. Since she has her eyes on this Blue Aura Divine Pill then let her have it.”

Xingyue nodded, “Ping’Er, I agree wholeheartedly with you. Let her have it then since she wants it. I don’t mind it at all too.”

Lie Qing and Lingfeng stole a glance at each other before they heaved a soft sigh before they said at the same time, “So let it be then.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lowered her glance. Because her face

was covered by her strands of hair, they could not see her expressions but as she reached out her fingers to take the Blue Aura Divine Pill, she said quietly. "I will not forget this today..."

She quickly muttered as she marched past them, "Let's go! We mustn't waste time here!"

All of a sudden Yi Ping said aloud, "No, wait a minute!"

He was staring at a crystal clear pool.

Lie Qing asked curiously, "What is wrong?"

Lingfeng, Xingyue and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were also looking at him curiously and they were also looking at the crystal pool that was in front.

Yi Ping seemed to be staring at the crystal pool for a while as he muttered, "Xian'Er, where are you? Are you still waiting for me?"

It was because the beaming reflections of the crystal pool had reminded him of the watery vicinity where he had last seen Yixian...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, "Xian'Er? Who is she?"

Lie Qing turned to her with a melancholy look before she sighed softly, "She is Yi Ping's first wife and perhaps the one that he loves the most."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, "Then why she is not here?"

Lie Qing sighed softly, "She is but we have lost her a while ago..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said quietly, "The dead cannot be brought back to life. There is no point in grieving for the dead."

Yi Ping was trembling as he gripped the Fantian Sovereign Sword, "Xian'Er isn't dead. I know that she is somewhere in the Stellar Sanctuary and no matter what it is going to take I am going to find her. Xian'Er, didn't you say that our destiny is in our hands?"

All of a sudden the Fantian Sovereign Sword was glowing in his hands as Yi Ping appeared to be dazed and at the same time, his Heavenly Eyes was glowing!

Lingfeng was gasping, "Ping'Er! Are you alright?"

Even Xingyue was startled, "Why is Ping'Er invoking the sanctorum powers of the Fantian Sovereign Sword?!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled, "He is in trance..."

Lie Qing was startled, "Do we wake him up? At this rate, he will only exhaust himself to death!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately said, "No wait! It is dangerous to wake him up now. Let wait a little while longer first..."

All of a sudden there were bubbles in the crystal pool and an enchanting heavenly sleeping maiden with blue hair surfaced onto the top of the crystal water!

Lingfeng was startled, "It is Sister Xian'Er!"

Xingyue was stunned, "Sister Xian'Er! It is really you!"

Yi Ping had awakened from his stupor and he too was stunned to see Yixian floating on the crystal pool!

He had only remembered staring at the crystal pool and all of a sudden he was overwhelmed by his longings for Yixian...

He quickly jumped into the pool as he shouted joyfully to hug her and examine her pulses, "Xian'Er, Xian'Er! It is really you!"

Yixian's pulses were extremely weak and she appeared to be unconscious.

Lingfeng was grasping her bosoms as she rejoiced, "We have...found Sister Yixian...how is it possible..."

Yi Ping was still shouting excitedly and he was beaming with tears, "Xian'Er, Xian'Er! It is you! Finally we are together again!"

As for why Yixian was here, he can think of the reasons later. The most important thing that he was in his mind was Yixian!

Everyone had missed the expressions that were on the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as she muttered almost inaudibly, "The Great Goddess

Fantian...it is you...”

# Chapter 199: The Blue Aura Divine Pill

Lie Qing, Lingfeng and Xingyue were all muttering excitedly, “Sister Xian’Er! Sister Xian’Er!”

Yi Ping pulled Yixian out of the pool as he shouted, “Xian’Er!”

All of a sudden he had turned ashen immediately!

Lingfeng noticed it immediately and asked, “What happening?”

Yi Ping said panicky, “She has no pulse and her body is cold...”

Lingfeng too was startled and had turned ashen after she had examined Yixian. She muttered, “She has no pulse...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “Of course she has no pulse. She isn’t really here. You have forcefully pulled her from where she is and unless you can anchor her to this reality, she will soon return to where she is.”

Yi Ping was startled and had no idea what she was saying but he quickly asked her panicky, “Do you have a way to make her stay with us?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yi Ping’s pleading eyes before she sighed softly, “Why are you asking me? You really think that I know everything? I don’t even know how you manage to pull her to this reality.”

She looked at the Fantian Sovereign Sword while muttering, “So the sanctum power of the Fantian Sovereign Sword is the Linking Spirits. No wonder...”

Yi Ping was clenching his fists, “Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, I am begging you. If you know a way, please help us. I will do anything that you ask.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, “Even the Fantian Sovereign Sword?”

Lie Qing immediately interrupted, “You are so ungrateful. Yi Ping has just given you the Blue Aura Divine Pill and yet you want his Fantian



Sovereign Sword!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa ignored her as she hummed coldly, "So are you giving me your divine sword willingly or not?"

Yi Ping replied gently as he thrust the Fantian Sovereign Sword into the ground, "If this is what you want then you can have it."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, "You are indeed generous."

Yi Ping was trembling as he pleaded, "Please..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly as she said tapped the Fantian Sovereign Sword lightly and instantly a ringing echo reverberated, "It seems that your sword has just rejected me. So you can have your sword back..."

Yi Ping was startled, "Then you are not helping anymore..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said quietly, "I didn't say I am not helping you."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sign of relief...

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked melancholy at him, startling him before she held up the Blue Aura Divine Pill. "She has been pulled into this spatial space by you but no amount of will can sustain her in this spatial space because it is not real. Only this Blue Aura Divine Pill is able to change reality."

Yi Ping and everyone were all looking at the Blue Aura Divine Pill as they all thought, "So that is why she wants this pill?"

Yi Ping was about to open his mouth to say something when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed melancholy all of a sudden, "I am so close. Am I foolish or not? Do you know that if I consume this Blue Aura Divine Pill then I am able to stay in this reality forever! This is my only chance to anchor myself here, to cling to life. Do you understand how important this pill is to me?"

Lingfeng gasped, "You mean with this immortal pill, you can stay in this

realm permanent?”

Xingyue asked curiously, “I still don’t get it.”

Lingfeng said quietly, “In the past when we descend to the lower realm, we have to pay a heavy price for a temporary stay. Likewise, all the immortals including the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa have to pay a heavy price to descend to the Celestial Realm and their stay can only be temporary.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said quietly, “You are right. This Blue Aura Divine Pill has the potency to allow me to choose a realm of my liking and to anchor myself there. No matter what realm it is, I will be the most supreme. Don’t you think so, Great Goddess Heaveness?”

Lingfeng was startled, “What did you say?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, “One day, you will understand your own destiny.”

Lingfeng answered, “Maybe. So you will give us the Blue Aura Divine Pill?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa handed the Blue Aura Divine Pill to Yi Ping with her trembling fingers, “It may work or it may not work. So don’t blame me for anything.”

Yi Ping was trembling as he stared at the Blue Aura Divine Pill, “Why should I blame you. I don’t even know how to thank you enough. I will surely repay you in the future, I promise!”

He quickly took the Blue Aura Divine Pill and was about to pop it into Yixian’s mouth when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said all of a sudden, “Wait!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Yes?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked melancholy at Yi Ping, “You are supposed to take this Blue Aura Divine Pill. Not her.”

Everyone was stunned!

Lie Qing was also assuming that the Blue Aura Divine Pill was supposed

to be given to Yixian so she asked, "Why so?"

Yi Ping was also looking at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa with a stunned expression, unsure what to do next!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coolly to Yi Ping, "Somehow you have pulled the Great Goddess Fantian from her reality to our reality through via the pool here with your sheer will and the sanctorum power of your divine sword. It is indeed a miracle. However, it is still a beautiful illusion and not real. But if can enforce your will with the Blue Aura Divine Pill then this can be a reality."

Yi Ping nodded and was about to swallow the Blue Aura Divine Pill when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted, "You are sure? Even if it has a consequence?"

He was startled and replied, "I am definitely sure."

Lie Qing immediately asked anxiously as she was worried for Yi Ping, "What consequence? Why don't you share it with us first?"

The Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa smiled weakly, "After taking the Blue Aura Divine Pill, he won't be himself anymore. Maybe he will no longer remember any of you."

She shot a glance at Yi Ping, Xingyue, Lingfeng and Lie Qing, "I am serious."

Shen Xingyue gasped, "Ping'Er will no longer remember any of us..."

The Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa said, "This Blue Aura Divine Pill is so potent that it is able to blur the lines between reality and the surreal. If he takes the Blue Aura Divine Pill then there is a good chance that he can't remember any of you. So do you still want to take it?"

Yi Ping was trembling as he looked at Lingfeng, Lie Qing and Xingyue while still holding Yixian, "I will never forget any one of you. Knowing all of you is the best thing that can happen to me ever. I...alas! Lingfeng, Qing'Er, Xing'Er...please forgive me. Maybe I may even forget about Xian'Er but I have to get her back to us. I cannot leave her in that place alone..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “Maybe she is safer there than here. Or maybe you will lose yourself and also fail to make this surreal illusion a reality. No one knows. So it is a really a gambit...”

She gasped because Yi Ping had suddenly swallowed the pill as he said quietly while stroking Yixian’s face, “Please forgive me everyone. Xian’Er, maybe I cannot remember you when you have awakened but I have no regrets and I know my soul is content...”

Xingyue, Lie Qing and Lingfeng were beaming with tears and even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was muttering, “I have never known that love can be everlasting...but is it worth it? It is worth it?”

Yi Ping bellowed aloud, “Xian’Er!” As he released all his martial strength in his shout!

His shout was so earthshaking and so heart-wrenching that everyone could feel his pain in their hearts!

Xingyue was embracing Yi Ping all of a sudden as she cried out tearfully, “Ping’Er, you mustn’t forget about us. You must remember us! No matter if you remember us or not, I will always be by your side! Even if you can’t remember me, I don’t care at all!”

Lie Qing fell weakly against Lingfeng, “Ping’Er, I only know that I know you too late and we have only such a little time together! I don’t care if you remember me or not, I will always be by your side!”

Lingfeng muttered incoherently as she lamented with her silent tears, “Ping’Er, why must we have such an endless cycle of parting? Why can’t we be a normal couple? I will never allow you to forget about me. Even if you forget about me, I will restart afresh with you!”

All of a sudden Yixian was coughing weakly in Yi Ping’s embrace!

At the same time Yi Ping had collapsed backward with a blank expression!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately asked, “Who are you?”

Yi Ping stared blankly at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Who am

I?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked again, "And do you remember who they are?"

Yi Ping turned to look at Lingfeng, Xingyue and Lie Qing who were all holding their breath anxiously!

His head began to wobble as he asked, "Who I am? Who are you? Who are they?"

Yi Ping began to look at the maiden that he was holding, "Who is she?"

The maiden began to stir as she opened her eyes as she gasped weakly, "Ping'Er? Ping'Er, is that you? It is really you..."

Yi Ping looked at her blankly, "I...you..."

All of a sudden his expressions turned agonizing as he began to stand up wobbly, "Who am I?"

He was staggering backward as he looked at everyone. He looked at his two divine swords before he looked at Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as he muttered, "Who am I?!"

Lie Qing was about to step forward to calm him down when Yi Ping split into four surreal shadowy figures, stunning everyone!

Each of the surreal figures had a different standing posture; one was rubbing his nose, one was raising the Celestial Alice Divine Sword and was grinning arrogantly, one was smiling coolly and one was standing with a majestic air...

Lie Qing gasped, "Yi Ping!"

Xingyue was gasping, "The White Sage!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gasped, "The Great God Pangu!"

Lingfeng asked panicky, "What is going on?!"

Lie Qing turned to look angrily at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "What have you done with Yi Ping? What exactly is this pill that you have tricked him to take?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa rebuked her coldly, "He has taken it out of his free will. How can you blame me?"

But she was muttering to herself, "Why is that he has the memories of the Great God Pangu. So he is really the Great God Pangu..."

Lie Qing had overheard her and asked sharply, "What do you mean?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa stole a glance at Yixian before replying nonchalantly to Lie Qing, "I suppose that you can call these splitting images as his own incarnations. But I can't be sure."

Yixian gasped softly as she stepped forward, "Ping'Er. You are Yi Ping, don't forget! No matter how confuse you are, you are only one!"

The four surreal Yi Ping all looked at Yixian at once before they merged suddenly as one!

All the maidens looked at each other and looked at the dazzled Yi Ping...

Lingfeng asked panicky, "Ping'Er? Do you remember who we are? Do you remember who you are?"

Yi Ping looked dazzled at Lingfeng with a puzzled look before he broke into a smile as he rubbed his nose, "Lingfeng, you are funny? I am Yi Ping and you are Lingfeng. I can recognize you even if you turn to ashes..."

Before Yi Ping could finish, Lingfeng had kicked Yi Ping as they laughed at the same time!

Lie Qing and Shen heaved a soft sigh of relief as they said at the same time, "Thanks goodness he remembers us!"

The Great Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa was looking intently at Yixian, "Fantian! We have met at long last. Do you still remember me?"

Yixian looked at the Great Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "Nuwa, I have thought that you have been grinded to dust already by the Divine Nine Cauldron. How have you been?"

The Great Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yixian coldly, "I am good. So you are happy to see me in this state..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping muttered, “Lady Nuwa...Lady Fantian...”

This caused Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa to turn ashen as they looked trembling at him!

Yixian was shivering as she asked, “Ping’Er, you have remembered?”

Yi Ping replied, “Yes and no. I have remembered the memories of the White Sage and the Dark Chaos Lord but for the memories of the Great God Pangu, I have almost none except for your names. I guess that I have to reach the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

He looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as he said, “Thank you for bringing Xian’Er back here. I will never forget your kindness. I have a request...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly before interrupting, “Speak.”

Yi Ping said quietly, “Join us. We will find another one of the Blue Aura Divine Pill for you.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa stole a glance at Yixian who nodded lightly. She turned her head away and muttered something incoherently before she looked at Yi Ping, “So you will owe me a Blue Aura Divine Pill and a favor?”

Yi Ping laughed, “Yes sure. So that means that you will join us from now on?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “I didn’t say I want to become friends with any of you. Don’t say I didn’t warn you first before you exploded with anger. My goal is to kick the shrine of the Great God Pangu at the very top to disrupt his plans.”

Yi Ping grinned, “Same here. I want to kick the shrine of the Great God Pangu as well. So let’s go together.”

Yixian smiled gently at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Do you need a help?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled as she blinked her eyes

at Yixian, "Fantian wants to kick Pangu's shrine as well? This is really unbelievable."

Yixian sighed softly before she stole a glance at Yi Ping, "A Great God without love in his heart deserves to be kicked ten times over, don't you think so?"

All of a sudden Yi Ping felt a cold shiver as the stares of Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa fell upon him!

He smiled bitterly as he rubbed his nose but he quickly smiled as he hugged Yixian all of a sudden, "Xian'Er, do you know how I have missed you? I have finally understood why we have been separated for so long..."

Yixian was beaming with tears, "Ping'Er, I have thought that I will never see you again..."

Yi Ping nodded as he embraced Yixian tightly, "Xian'Er..."

After some time he suddenly said, "Xian'Er, wait a while..."

He went over to Xingyue and held her on her shoulders, "Xingyue..."

Xingyue was startled as she gasped, "Ping'Er, yes?"

Yi Ping quickly, "Xing'Er, among all the maidens you have received the most unfair treatment..."

Xingyue answered, "I don't mind..."

Yi Ping sighed, "In the past, you have been avoiding me. To think that we are now finally together..."

Xingyue gasped aloud, "Ping'Er, you have really remembered!"

She flew into his embrace immediately as she sobbed uncontrollably, "It is really you. It is really you. You are finally back!"

Yi Ping sighed softly, "I am so wrong in the past. My Dark Enchantress..."

Xingyue cuddled to him, "My White Sage...now we will no longer be separated..."

Yi Ping looked at Yixian, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Lie Qing



and Lingfeng, “From now on, I am going to atone for my past errors and mistakes...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted wryly, “But first, we ought to get out of this celestial formation first!”

# Chapter 200: The Ten Thousands

## Celestial Formation

Yixian smiled gently to Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, I have thought that I would never see you again. After we have passed through that shimmering golden portal, I have found myself lying in a beautiful scented coffin in different attire. There was a Divine White Tiger Beast that was next to me. It was the same divine beast that we have encountered in the earlier levels. At first I was startled by its presence but it meant me no harm but followed me everywhere. After exploring where I was, I was even more startled to find myself in a floating citadel and when I have looked down, there were oceans of swords everywhere."

Yi Ping was nodding, "Xian'Er, I know that it is you..."

Yixian lowered her glances as she stroked her blue hair, "In that surreal place, I dreamed that I am the Great Goddess Fantian. I dream of dreams that are distant and fantastic. I soon realize that it is really not a dream but I am truly Fantian herself. I don't know how to explain this."

She began to tremble as she whispered melancholy, "The Great Goddess Fantian ended her life to follow the Great God Pangu..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was stunned, "The Great Goddess Fantian that I have known is gone...but your body is immortal..."

Yixian nodded, "The Great Goddess Fantian may have ended her life but she has preserved her body in a coffin. Somehow I have merged one with her."

Yi Ping muttered, "So the Great Goddess Fantian and Xian'Er are actually splitting images of each other..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly before she said, "Anyway, we have to get out of here first."

Yi Ping asked the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "Do you have a way to get out of this celestial formation?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa replied coldly, "Hmph. This Ten Thousands Celestial Formation may be able to trap lesser mortals but it is not enough to trap me."

Lie Qing was amused as she thought, "Then why are you trapped here."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa continued, "This Ten Thousands Celestial Formation is able to trap ten thousands immortals hence its name. It is also because it is impossible to overcome all six celestial positions at the same time. Moreover while we are still in this formation, we will only get weaker and will be unable to recover our martial strength."

Yi Ping nodded as he sighed softly...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa added, "The fact that there is an exit means that all six celestial positions are filled and opened. Because we are in with a large group therefore we are fortunately enough. Or else if we have to wait for the others to enter this formation, it may take a long time and by then, we may be disintegrated along with this formation when the Stellar Sanctuary returned to the Heavens."

She paused briefly before saying, "Even then the strength of the six groups varies and there is no telling that we can all overcome the six positions at the same time. In the end we will all be returned to the start of this formation until we have new groups joining us. But for the original groups, we would have already exhausted our strength and further expeditions into the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation will only spell our doom!"

Yi Ping cursed softly, "This Ten Thousands Celestial Formation is a cunning trap by itself. I wonder who the inventor of this cursed formation..."

Yixian and Nuwa immediately giggled softly as they said at the same time, "It is you!"

They paused to look at each other and suddenly shrugged their shoulders solemnly.

Yi Ping grinned, "It seems that the Lady Fantian and the Lady Nuwa have something in common now."

Lie Qing, Xingyue and Lingfeng were secretly looking at each other; it was because they had noticed that there seemed to be a subtle change in Yi Ping's personality.

The Yi Ping that they had known was more caution and he would never joke in a tense situation like this. But now Yi Ping despite his loss of martial strength was relax and had a confident look.

Shen Xingyue sensed a familiar sense of tranquility that was always around the White Sage...

Yi Ping grinned, "Well that is the Great God Pangu and not me. So is there a way to break this celestial formation?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, "Yes! All we need is to get to the formation center and break the formation core. It is not easy and it is way harder than overcoming the six celestial positions. It is also a great gambit though. Do you want to try?"

Yi Ping looked at the exhausted looks of everyone, "We are all half-dead already so let's try it."

Lingfeng muttered, "What kind of logic is this? We are half-dead already and so that is why we are going straight to go for the formation core?!"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose with a wry grin, "Lingfeng, you are scared?"

Lingfeng smiled alluringly as she paused to ponder a while, "You will be in front in front of me. If you are not afraid, why should I be? And don't expect me to protect you. I won't. On a serious note, do you know what you are driving into?"

All of a sudden Yi Ping had grown solemn, "I know. But I have to get into the epicenter of this celestial formation. The epicenter of this celestial formation..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted as she looked coldly at

him, "...has a Pangu Artifact. The name of this Pangu Artifact is the Feather Sword Shard and there are three Feather Sword Shards. How did you know of this?"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "I will explain on the way. But first we have to get to the formation center as quickly as possible."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked curiously, "But do you know the way?"

Yi Ping smiled, "I can try if you trust me."

Yixian smiled gently, "Ping'Er, I trust you. Let's go!"

Lingfeng and Lie Qing smiled weakly to each other as they remembered that Yi Ping was not particular good in finding his way...

Yi Ping muttered, "Let's hope that the luck of the White Sage is with me..."

He began to recall the moment when there were three other him...

The Pangu-Yi Ping had said, "I am the Great God Pangu. You are finally here but are you the one that I have been waiting for? This Stellar Sanctuary contains my past memories. If you want to become me, you have to meet the challenges that I have set to determine your worthiness."

As the Pangu-Yi Ping said with a regretful sigh, "If you can, find the Lady Fantian and the Lady Nuwa... tell them to forget me..."

Yi Ping asked wordlessly, "You are the Great God Pangu? Why is that I can see you?"

He paused briefly to look at the White Sage-Yi Ping and the Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping who were all looking serenely at him...

The Pangu-Yi Ping smiled wryly, "We are all your dead memories. We are the failures of your past incarnations. Perhaps you will also become another failure as well. I see that you have the Fantian Sovereign Sword now and have even unlocked its sanctorum power. I am really surprised. The sanctorum power of the Fantian Sovereign Sword is its ability to

materialize the surreal, enhancing the energies that are invisible. That is the real reason why you can see us. We are now in a spatial space beyond time and space. Perhaps you are really the one.”

Yi Ping muttered, “You are all my dead memories? Even the Great God Pangu...”

The Pangu-Yi Ping said, “Yi Ping, I have placed three Feather Sword Shards in this Stellar Sanctuary and I can sense that one of them is near here. Listen, you must find these three Feather Sword Shards and gathered them. These three Feather Sword Shards are the divine artefacts from Beyond. You mustn’t let these Feather Sword Shards fall into the hands of others, especially to the Desolate Immortals. These are really the true treasures of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

All of a sudden the Pangu-Yi Ping froze in place...

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping smiled wryly as he lifted the Celestial Alice Divine Sword in his hands, “You are Yi Ping? Good! I have thought that upon my death I have no one else to listen to my last will. Alice, I am sorry that I will never see you again. Ishtar, Isa...alas. I am such a rascal that I have made use of the two of you to fulfill my selfish ambitions. And in the end, I got my just deserved ends.”

He began to sigh...

Yi Ping was afraid that the Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping would freeze in stasis like the Pangu-Yi Ping so he quickly asked, “How did you die? Didn’t you manage to reach the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary? What happens?”

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping laughed aloud, “Indeed! I have reached the top level of the Stellar Sanctuary. I have overcome all the trials through my skills. I have thought that after I have become the Great God Pangu then I can come back for Alice...”

Yi Ping was startled that all of a sudden the Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping was crying hysterically as he bemoaned, “At long last, I have the choice to be the Great God Pangu and be the first to ascend to the Great Beyond as the God of Gods. But when I pick that choice, I was obliterated into

dusts!..."

Yi Ping was stunned as he muttered, "You are obliterated? But didn't you say that you have overcome all the trials?"

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping lamented aloud, "That is right! I got obliterated by the Ultimate Heavenly Calamity. Just one tiny step yet so far away..."

Yi Ping was quiet for a while before he asked, "You mention that there is a choice?"

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping hummed coldly, "That choice is not a choice at all. One is to become the Great God Pangu and the other one is to exit the Stellar Sanctuary..."

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "If I were you, I would surely choose to leave the Stellar Sanctuary..."

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping hummed coldly, "That is because you are a weakling and is scared to take challenges. If I am a weakling like you then I wouldn't have ascended to the top of the Stellar Sanctuary!"

This time it was Yi Ping that was laughing aloud as he smiled bitterly, "I may be a weakling but I am not a coward!"

It was true. Yi Ping had no lack of courage and he had never been afraid of anyone!

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping looked at him and muttered, "This righteous air, so pure..."

Yi Ping was trembling as he said aloud, "Do you know how much Alice and Isa suffer as they await your return? Did you know that Alice tried to take her life once she had realized that you were dead? She always harbored a hope that one day you will return to her as the successor to the Great God Pangu? She believes that you have not returned because you have not found a way to return. And you choose to be a Great God rather than to be with her?! I really want to beat you up!"

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping was shaken as he stepped backward,

“Alice tried to take her own immortal life...”

Yi Ping laughed maddening, “So you don’t know what love is? So the Goddess Ishtar also dies because of you?”

All of a sudden the Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping became stone, “I have a confession to make. Do you know that the one that I love most is really the Goddess Ishtar...”

Yi Ping was stunned by this revelation!

He muttered, “Not Alice?!”

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping shook his head, “Alice, I love her too but that is only after I have met her. Before that I really want to settle a score with her for separating Ishtar and I. Do you know why I want to become the Great God Pangu so badly? So that I can revive Ishtar...in the end, I am powerless to do anything...”

Yi Ping was totally stunned!

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping managed a wry smile, “But I am content now. That is because I can sense Ishtar now. She is here now? Or rather her incarnation?”

Yi Ping muttered, “Xian’Er...”

The Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping smiled, “Doesn’t matter now. I am supposed to be just a memory now. Protect her. Don’t make the same mistake that I did.”

He paused to take a last look at Yi Ping, “Good! You have already inherited my Dark Heavenly Emperor Artefact in your body. Then let me give you a little push to inherit my fighting skills.”

All of a sudden he had tapped Yi Ping on his forehead with his fingers!

When he was done, the Dark Chaos Lord-Yi Ping was returned to his original stasis position!

Almost immediately the White Sage-Yi Ping smiled gently, “Yi Ping, it must be hard on you to carry all my burdens onto yourself.”



Yi Ping asked, "You know?"

The White Sage-Yi Ping nodded, "Perhaps my state of divinity is good enough for me to sense what is happening. My grand protégé mistress the Heaveness, Xingyue and many others. I have caused them much misery. In the end, most of them lost their lives because of me...I am really a sinful person."

Yi Ping continued to listen because he knew that the White Sage-Yi Ping must have plenty of things to say...

The White Sage-Yi Ping sighed softly, "I have fallen in love with my grand protégé mistress the Heaveness. She is so forbidden. I know deep within my heart that she must be a celestial. That is why I want to ascend as quickly as possible to the Celestial Realm. But alas, I have never expected to meet Xingyue again. She refuses to see me..."

He sighed again, "And Revelation Star. I have never thought that I would fall in love with her at first sight. For all my firm beliefs, I have become lost. I have thought that through my meditations, I would have forgotten all about them. I didn't and they didn't."

Yi Ping said quietly, "That is alright. You don't have to worry. I will protect them and love them."

The White Sage-Yi Ping smiled, "I know that you surely will. Your will is stronger than any of us. In the end only you understand better than any of us. Before I vanish forever, can you put me to rest by sharing with me why is that your will is so strong?"

Yi Ping was puzzled, "My will is strong?"

The White Sage-Yi Ping nodded, "Or else you will never be able to bring Revelation Star to your side. Or else your destiny will eventually be the same as us!"

Yi Ping said firmly, "I have almost lost her many times. I don't want to lose her. I can't lose her or any of the other maidens that have been through countless numbers of dangers with me. I can't lose any of them. I will rather be the one that suffer in their stead!"

The White Sage-Yi Ping nodded, "So that is why! I have finally understood! You are not restrained by your heart to anyone and your love is equally boundless to all of them! That is really something that I cannot understand and constantly feels guilty upon!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "I am not that great. In fact, I am constantly feeling miserable that I cannot shower any of them with equal care."

That was the true!

The White Sage-Yi Ping glanced at Lingfeng, Yixian, Lie Qing, Xingyue and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as though he could see them and he was smiling, "The happiness in their inner hearts. It is not how much love you can provide but the trust and harmony that you can provide to each of them. To think that they will all be able to put aside their differences and feuds to be with you, that is really something that none is able to accomplish. You have really beaten destiny by your will!"

Yi Ping was perplexed, "Huh?"

The White Sage-Yi Ping explained, "Destiny is like giant strand of web. One gentle tap on it is bound to move the entire web. The destinies of everyone are all closely intertwined with each other. It is impossible to tap a single strand without affecting the other strands. Take for example, if you have not given Lie Qing the Divine Dragon Pill, can you imagine what would happen?"

Yi Ping muttered, "If I have not given Qing'Er the Divine Dragon Pill then I would have lost Yunzi. Yunzi would have been forced to betray us. If Qing'Er is not here then I would have been killed by the Celestial Liege a long time ago...and countless other times would not have happened..."

The White Sage-Yi Ping, "And what about Lele, Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and all the others?"

Yi Ping stared at the White Sage-Yi Ping as he muttered, "They all played equally important role..."

The White Sage-Yi Ping smiled, "Not only that. They all have indifferences and feuds that are not easy to resolve. Failing to resolve any

one of their feuds mean that you will become exactly just like us. But you have actually managed to move the entire web without disrupting it!”

Yi Ping was enlightened all of a sudden but he was also smiling bitterly, “I didn’t know that what I did can be called something great. I didn’t want to hurt any of them and didn’t know what to do...”

The White Sage-Yi Ping smiled, “You have been protecting them with your life all this while. They all know it and appreciate you.”

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, “They have been protecting me too with their lives too. Surely I would have died ten times over without their aids!”

The White Sage-Yi Ping smiled, “All of you have been protecting each other with your lives. This is greater love.”

Yi Ping muttered, “Greater love...”

The White Sage-Yi Ping smiled gently, “So it seems that I have no further memories to share with you. But I do have a gift to share with you nevertheless or else you will find me too ungrateful.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I won’t.”

The White Sage-Yi Ping laughed jovially, “I am link to you through the Great Emptiness Translucence. In your heart, you are actually cursing us and wanting to beat us up one day for giving you so many headaches.”

Yi Ping immediately flushed deeply!

The White Sage-Yi Ping turned solemn as he stole a glance at Yixian, “It is good to be alive even for a while and I am thankful that the last pitched efforts that I have put into, actually works. Revelation Star...”

He quickly turned to Yi Ping as he smiled, “Maybe I can elevate your state of divinity to my level...”

Just as Yi Ping was about to ask why, the White Sage-Yi Ping had frozen into stasis and there was a binding flash of light as the other three Yi Ping merged into him!

# Chapter 201: The Guardian Divine Naga

Yi Ping had led them through many corridors and finally to a dangerous steep corridor that was howling with furious windforce and below was a bottomless abyss!

But as they continued their way in a single file on this steep corridor passage, they saw a large platform below them. And in the middle of this platform was a gigantic winged serpent!

He whispered softly, "This is the epicenter of the celestial formation? This is the guardian of the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gasped, "I can't believe it. You have actually led us to safety all the way into the epicenter of the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation? That means you can actually lead us all the way to the end point too..."

Lingfeng hummed softly, "I say that he is just lucky this time!"

Yi Ping grinned, "I guess that I am lucky."

Xingyue was flushing as she looked at Yi Ping to defend him, "Sister Lingfeng, in the past the White Sage has an uncanny ability to avoid even the most deadly celestial formations...he was renowned for that in my time..."

Lingfeng laughed softly, "Sister Xingyue, why are you so eager to defend him today? You really want to marry this rascal? He is just a look alike to the White Sage."

Xingyue said exasperatedly, "Sister Lingfeng, have you forgotten that we..."

She began to fluster as she lowered her voice, "...that we have all married to Ping'Er..."

Lingfeng giggled, "Oh really? I have thought that is just a mock wedding to deceive the Ascension Goddess!"

Xingyue said, "Sister Lingfeng, the wedding may be mock but our

pledges are from our heart!”

Lie Qing could not resist saying smiling enchantingly, “Right, right!”

Lingfeng stole a glance at Yixian and Yi Ping as she flushed lightly, “Who wants to be with this rascal forever.”

Yi Ping grinned, “I don’t think you have a choice.”

Lingfeng let go of a fluster smile, “I shall not argue with you. What are we going to do now? This guardian beast looks leagues above our capability to handle. Who knows if we may perish in here?”

Yixian looked at Yi Ping shyly, “I don’t mind being with the one that I love.”

Lie Qing nodded with an enchanting smile, “Same here!”

Lingfeng whispered, “You are only spoiling him...”

Yi Ping had already turned solemn as he stared at the monstrous shape of the winged serpent. He looked quietly at everyone as he appraised the current strength of everyone...

The current strength level of the status of the group:

Yi Ping (20%)

Yixian (50%)

Lingfeng (60%)

Lie Qing (60%)

Xingyue (60%)

Nuwa (10%)

Finally he asked, “Lady Nuwa, do you know what monster is that? Is it hard?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, “That is a Guardian Divine Naga. A formidable monster. It is as powerful as a Desolate Immortal and I wouldn’t dream of messing with it even if I am in a tip-top condition.”

She lowered her glances, “Let’s turn back. We have no chance against

this thing...”

Yi Ping interrupted her with a grin, “Maybe. But if we don’t try how do we know if we aren’t up to it?”

Lingfeng gasped, “Are you serious?”

Yi Ping was trembling lightly as he nodded, “We may preserve our lives if we turn back now but for how long? What about the others who are trapped in this celestial formation as well? Lele, Yi Si, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Yunzi, Youxue and the others may be in mortal dangers even as we hesitated.”

Yixian asked, “Yi Si? Who is she?”

Yi Ping slapped his head hard as he whispered excitedly, “Xian’Er! I am so forgetful. I have forgotten to tell you that our daughter Yi Si is in the Stellar Sanctuary as well! She has ascended and is a Golden Celestial! She has come with the Jade Emperor and the Celestial Liege!”

Yixian gasped softly and there was a hint of tear in her eyes, “Lele’s daughter is in the Stellar Sanctuary? I really can’t believe it. I have been thinking of her. I wonder how she looks like.”

Lie Qing cursed herself softly, “I have forgotten to tell you too. Yi Si is now a beautiful maiden. Also Youxue is now an immortal. I can’t believe that she has stolen a march on us to become an immortal too!”

Yixian was gasping, “Oh really? Wonderful! So much have happened since I am away?”

Lie Qing smiled, “Yes! I have even perfected my Invincible Divine Force to the twelfth staging!”

Yixian was even more astonished, “The twelfth staging of the Invincible Divine Force!...”

Xingyue smiled, “I am afraid that even I am not Sister Lie Qing’s match anymore!”

The Great Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa stole a secret glance at Lie Qing before muttering something incoherent. And then she said sharply,

“Don’t forget that we are still in the middle of something serious.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “True...”

He pointed to the steep wall before he continued, “All of you shall stay here first. I will jump down to challenge this thing. If something is amiss, I may need help from Xian’Er, Xing’Er and Lingfeng to pull me up to safety.”

Lie Qing was startled, “But Ping’Er, not at your current condition!”

Yi Ping smiled as he looked at her, “Qing’Er, do not worry. I will be alright.”

Lie Qing looked at Yixian, “You are not stopping him?”

Yixian smiled gently as she held onto Lie Qing’s hands, “Let him go first.”

Yi Ping was thankful as he immediately unsheathed his two divine swords as he leapt down the slopes of the steep walls to the epicenter of the chamber below!

This action of his did not escaped notice from the Guardian Divine Naga which immediately opened its red diamond eyes and it was hissing dark vapors from its mouth!

Yi Ping quickly displayed a forward sword stance with the Celestial Alice Divine Sword and a defensive sword stance with the Fantian Sovereign Sword to ready himself for a fight with the Guardian Divine Naga!

His forehead was glowing; he knew that he could only exert a few minutes of forced strength. He was now sustaining his strength just by his sheer willpower and endurance alone!

He was startled when Yixian, Lie Qing, Lingfeng, Xingyue and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had all appeared next to him with alluring smiles!

He gasped, “What are all of you here for? It is dangerous!”

Yixian smiled gently, “Ping’Er, we are here to fight alongside with you.”

Lie Qing brandished her sword next to Yi Ping, “Now I know why Sister Xian wants me to let you go first.”

Yi Ping sighed as he looked at Yixian and Lie Qing before he looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “You too?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “You have better keep an eye on that monster. It is fast stirring up!”

Barely had she warned Yi Ping, the Guardian Divine Naga had sprung toward them with a startling bursting of explosive force!

Shen Xingyue shouted, “Look out!”

Yi Ping had already flashed in front of the monstrous Naga with his swords as he unleashed a flurry of brilliant sword slashes!

The armor of this Guardian Divine Naga was hard and all his slashes bounced off harmlessly off without even slowing it down!

Because of that by the time he had executed twenty strokes, he was swept by the irresistible force of the Guardian Divine Naga!

At the same time the Guardian Divine Naga was shrieking aloud as it attacked maddening at Yi Ping with its mouth, wing talons and coiling tail, sending plummet of explosive debris everywhere!

Yi Ping immediately used his divine swords to guard himself and at the same time he had mustered the Golden Invincible Force as six beaming hovering discs protected him from the stampede of the Guardian Divine Naga!

But this only caused the Guardian Divine Naga to increase its fury as it slammed its tail onto Yi Ping, causing his Golden Invincible Force to dissipate and sending him flooring to the ground!

Yixian gasped, “Ping’Er!”

She had immediately executed several bursts of blue streaks with her Icy Heavenly Tears against the gigantic tail of the Guardian Divine Naga and at the same time she had shielded Yi Ping from further attacks with her Absolute Defense!



As she grabbed him, he noticed the purple shimmering glow on her forehead immediately. He was so startled that he muttered, “Xian’Er, you are at the Eighth Immortal Positioning?”

Yixian gasped weakly, “Yes...”

Lie Qing had also appeared next to Yi Ping with her twelve hovering blue discs and there was a tremendous explosive force as she stopped the Guardian Divine Naga dead in its tracks and at the same time she had executed several sword techniques in successive to counter!

Yi Ping was in awe as he thought, “So that is the true strength of her Invincible Divine Force?!”

Yixian, Xingyue, Lingfeng and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were also startled that Lie Qing was able to stop the Guardian Divine Naga in its track. This gave them the chance to seek out attack points to make their attacks!

But he quickly regained his balance as he raised both of his divine swords to Sanctorum level as rainbow hues enveloped both his divine swords.

In the next instant he had mustered his Asper Divinity with three startling burst of martial power as he displayed the Heavens Encompassing Strike!

Immediately there were two streaks of startling explosive that ignited several times across the body of the Guardian Divine Naga!

This sent the Guardian Divine Naga to shriek aloud as the entire ground exploded in a burst of mushroom cloud by its monstrous size and the shockwaves of its terrifying shriek!

This was the first time that he had used the Fantian Sovereign Sword with his entire martial strength and by now, he was sure that he had the right combination to bring out its fullness divine strength with the Celestial Alice Divine Sword!

That was because he was unsure if he could bring out the full divine power of the Celestial Alice Divine Sword if he did not split it into two;

the true sanctorum power of the Celestial Alice Divine Sword lies in the Celestial Antonym Alice Sword and the Celestial Synonym Alice Sword. Therefore the strength of the Celestial Alice Divine Sword was actually a fraction if he did not awaken the Celestial Alice Divine Sword into two!

The sanctorum power of the Fantian Sovereign Sword was to materialize the surreal into the substance. He had realized bitterly that if he was a practitioner of the sword energies then the Fantian Sovereign Sword would be able to enhance the strength of his sword energies several folds!

But it was a pity that he was not a practitioner of the sword energies. Only Lie Qing and Yunzi were true practitioners of the sword energies. He thought, "What if Yunzi were to display the Inverting Eternal Occurrence and Qing'Er were to display the Flawless Sword Energies Techniques?"

He had shivered at that thought!

But after experimenting with the Fantian Sovereign Sword and after the earlier experience when he had released the sanctorum power of the Fantian Sovereign Sword, he was more confident now of grasping mastery over its true divine strength.

"I think I may be able to do more than that. I must hurry and think fast. I have only a brief opening time while this monster is stunned..."

Therefore as he slashed the Guardian Divine Naga with explosive slashes, he had suddenly released the Fantian Sovereign Sword from his left hand as he split the Celestial Alice Divine Sword into the Celestial Antonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice as he slashed furiously at the same spot where he had unleashed the Heavens Encompassing Strike!

Everyone was startled when Yi Ping had suddenly split the Celestial Alice Divine Sword into two and had seemingly dropped the Fantian Sovereign Sword. As they stole a quick glance at him, they were startled that there were nine sparking golden dragons that were displaying alongside with him!

And that was not all, the Fantian Sovereign Sword did not drop to the ground but was striking as hard and as quick as both the Celestial Alice Divine Swords as though it was held by an invisible third arm!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gasped, “He has the Dark Emperor Artefact in him?”

Yi Ping naturally did not notice the slight visible glow of the nine dragons that were around him for his entire focus was upon the Guardian Divine Naga; he simply had to take down this monster before he had exhausted his martial strength!

He was slightly started when the Fantian Sovereign Sword was striking the Guardian Divine Naga on its own but he was not entire surprise. It was because he had thought, “If my Thousand Memories Swords is a surreal sword technique then the sanctorum power of the Fantian Sovereign Sword is its ability to enforce the surreal then why don’t I use the Fantian Sovereign Sword as part of my Thousand Memories Swords?”

“If the Dark Chaos Lord is here, how is he going to defeat this beast? No, I am the Dark Chaos Lord...”

Lingfeng had just stabbed the Divine Guardian Naga with her invisible divine sword and was forced to retreat when she noticed the new technique that Yi Ping was using, “That is the Thousands Memories Sword? No, it isn’t quite so!”

That was because she had noticed when Yi Ping had done a double slash on the Divine Guardian Naga, the Fantian Sovereign Sword would make exactly the same move and even replicate the same explosive power. She gasped, “He had become one with the Fantian Sovereign Sword? It is like fighting against someone with three swords...no eleven swords!”

It was because she had noticed that Yi Ping was being surrounded by the eight hovering swords and all eight swords were rotating with startling speed exactly like Yunzi’s flying swords at the Divine Guardian Naga!

They had never seen anything like this and the flying swords were whirling nonstop around Yi Ping, slashing and protecting him from the furious beating of the wing talons of the Divine Guardian Naga while Yi Ping displayed one slashing attack with the Celestial Alice Divine Swords

and the Fantian Sovereign Sword!

All of a sudden to the astonishment of the onlookers, the Fantian Sovereign Sword had disappeared and seemingly merged with the Celestial Anonym Alice and the Celestial Synonym Alice and it seemed to glow with brilliant long and the two divine swords seemed to be doubled in length as well!

Just as everyone was anticipating the armor of the Divine Guardian Naga to break, the encircling flying swords that were around Yi Ping dissipated into thin air and Yi Ping seemed to be in a daze, all of a sudden the enraging Divine Guardian Naga had lifted itself as it slammed its weight onto Yi Ping with a thunderous explosive impact that splattered the ground like an earthquake!

Everyone was gasping with shock!

The sheer weight of this Divine Guardian Naga could crush anyone!

Everyone except the Great Goddess Desolate Nuwa was all gasping, "Yi Ping!"

The Divine Guardian Naga shrieked with its deafening sonic wave in trumpet as it repulsed everyone backward!

Yixian lost her cool as she raised her Heavenly Tears Divine Sword in a blue streak of light as she pierced at the broken armor parts of the Guardian Divine Naga that Yi Ping had afflicted upon earlier!

At the same time Lie Qing had knocked aside the gigantic wing talons of the Guardian Divine Naga with her entire martial force as she lifted her Eternal Light Divine Sword with several streaks of deadly sword energies bursts!

Her eyes were filled with malevolent and tears as she executed the Exalting Obliteration out of desperation, the most power sword energies technique of the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King!

Lingfeng and Xingyue were startled; Lie Qing's divine sword had suddenly turned a brilliant white and the surroundings were filled with deadly sword energies!

Lingfeng gasped, “Qing’Er has awakened the sanctorum power of her divine sword?”

Lie Qing’s Eternal Light and Ye Yin’s Blessed Heavens were ancient immortal swords that already had a sanctorum stone imbued in it. So once the wielder gained mastery over the awakened divine sword, it was just a matter of time for them to awaken the sanctorum power of the divine sword!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was shouting to everyone, “Everyone, do not move recklessly! We are surrounded by deadly sword energies everywhere!”

Even though everyone understood the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa but the Divine Guardian Naga failed to understand as it rampaged through the invisible sword energies as it continued to attack enraging at everyone!

Needless to say even as the Guardian Divine Naga exploded its fury at Lie Qing, it was being exploded by deadly sword energy bursts at the same time!

As Lie Qing shielded herself with her Invincible Divine Force as she stumbled back weakly, the Guardian Divine Naga was also crumbling to stones at the same time!

She fell to the ground and murmured weakly, “Ping’Er, I did good? But it is a pity that we cannot be together anymore...”

When Yi Ping was crashed by the Guardian Divine Naga, she was so shocked that she displayed the untested Exalting Obliteration. She had no idea if she could gain mastery over the erratic sword energies of this divine sword energies technique. At that moment, she thought nothing of her own safety. Even if it meant that she had to be afflicted by phenomenon deviation, she had to pay this monster pay dearly!

Everyone was stunned by the stunning brilliant sword energies of the Exalting Obliterating that they had just seen!

The intriguing intricate principles of the Exalting Obliterating had

aided Yi Ping to create another sword technique which was the Thousand Memories Swords but this Exalting Obliterating that Lie Qing had just executed was the real thing!

It was the highest epitome level of sword energies and was even more powerful than the Inverting Eternal Occurrence!

Lingfeng thought, "No wonder the Ceremonial Saint Sword Heavenly King and the Martial Emperor Heavenly King invoked so much awe from the Heavenly Kings that we have met..."

But she was soon melancholy and a burning heart ache could be felt in her heart!

It was because what good was this victory when Yi Ping was no longer with them?

Yixian, Lie Qing, Lingfeng, Xingyue and even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were all quiet. This victory had meant nothing to them at all!

All of a sudden Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gasped at the same time!

It was because they could hear a heartbeat!

A heartbeat of a man!

Upon seeing their expressions, Lie Qing, Xingyue and Lingfeng appeared to be startled too!

And at the same time Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had flashed to a pile of debris and had quickly cleared it!

Yi Ping was lying in a small pit and covered by debris. He was bloodied and his breathing was extremely weak but his eyes were opened as he gasped weakly, "Xian'Er...Lady Nuwa...you are alive...what about the rest?"

Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had quickly invigorated him with their internal energies!

He was quickly comforted when he saw Xingyue, Lingfeng and Lie Qing who were all gasping with happiness as they called out his name,

“Ping’Er! Yi Ping! You are still with alive!”

He muttered, “We have won?”

Xian’Er held her fingers to her teary eyes, “Yes! We have won!”

Yi Ping was surprised as he muttered, “We have won?”

He had only remembered that he had overextended his strength as he willed the Thousand Memories Sword and at the very last minute he had faltered and that the Guardian Divine Naga had recovered. The next thing that he had remembered was that a gigantic weight had crushed upon him and he had thought that he was dead!

Xingyue laughed as she wiped her tears with her long sleeves, “Yes we have won! Thanks to Qing’Er!”

Lie Qing was beaming with tears, “Not just me. It is thanks to all of us. It was already injured by you. Also the monster was too stupid and too big. It just walked into my arrays of sword energies so I didn’t really do much.”

That was the truth. After Lie Qing had used the Exalting Obliteration, she was actually faltering and would not maintain the energies of the Exalting Obliteration. Moreover her heart was weakened by Yi Ping’s supposed death. In an emotional rage she had executed the Exalting Obliteration but she could not maintain it. In fact if she were to persist a little longer, she would have raised the Exalting Obliteration to the next sword level by arranging the sword energies array to a single focused sword stroke!

Lingfeng touched Yi Ping gently, “Are you alright?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said quietly, “Don’t worry he won’t die. It is lucky that he is being protected by his golden body. I am also surprised. Do you know that not even an immortal can survive such a crashing impact like that?”

Yi Ping muttered, “My golden body? Why did I ever acquire a golden body...”

Lie Qing smiled, "You have already mastered the Golden Invincible Body. So naturally you have also mastered the Golden Body as well!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly at that realization, "Alas, I see..."

Yixian smiled at him as she helped him to get up gently, "Be careful..."

All of sudden several lights in the vicinity were glowing as it gathered into a brilliant light before it revealed a crystal shard, three rainbow prisms and nine pills. Everyone knew at once that it was the Feather Sword Shard, three Sanctorum Relics and Nine Mystique Core Divine Pills!

Everyone was stunned by the rarity of the loots!

Lingfeng caught hold of them as she gasped, "So this is the Pangu Artefact, the Feather Sword Shard? And three Sanctorum Relics and Nine Mystique Core Divine Pills!"

Xingyue gasped, "And we have three Sanctorum Relics now?! This is the most precious of the heavenly metals! I can't believe it!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was also surprised, "One is rare enough but three...I don't believe it..."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "After all this is a Guardian Divine Beast and this is the 60th level. Maybe the rewards are also great too. Lingfeng, quick give me the Nine Mystique Core Divine Pills!"

Lingfeng kicked him lightly, "Are you dumb? Even though the Mystique Core Divine Pills are extremely rare but they can't be rarer than the Sanctorum Relics!"

Yi Ping sighed softly, "I want to give them to Shi Shi and Yang Min..."

Lingfeng, Yixian, Lie Qing and Xingyue were startled but they quickly nodded silently to each other. They knew that Yi Ping had never forgotten about them. Precisely because Yi Ping had each of them in his heart that they were able to forgo the selfishness of their hearts and have only him in his heart!

Lingfeng interrupted with an alluring smile, "Say. I am more curious



about the Feather Sword Shard.”

She held the Feather Sword Shard for them to take a closer look, “The edge of this Feather Sword Shard is extremely sharp. It looks more like a weapon. What did the Great God Pangu tells you?”

Yi Ping looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as he grinned, “He told me not to let it falls into the hands of the Desolate Immortals!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa scoffed coldly, “Why you...”

But she was not upset at all as she said gently, “It is exactly like the Great God Pangu has said. These Feather Sword Shards contain an unimaginable power that can change the Three Known Realms. Don’t say I didn’t warn you first.”

Yi Ping nodded and he felt an appreciation for the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Thank you!”

All of a sudden Yi Ping had popped a Mystique Core Divine Pill in her right hand as he said, “You need one to recover your strength.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa lowered her glances, “I can recover on my own...”

Yi Ping said gently, “Your internal injuries are not light. Moreover when you have helped Youxue to attain a breakthrough, the vital energies that you have expended are not something that you can regain through time alone. Nothing short of miraculous pill can gain you full recovery.”

Lie Qing nodded gently.

She had understood this all too well!

In the past when she had failed her Divine Calamity, she had lost much of her vital energies. Only by absorbing the vital energies of the practitioners of the Divine Virtuous Force, was she able to recover her lost vital energies or else it was as good as training all over again which could take decades!

For the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, it may take her centuries simply to regain her lost vital strength and not advancing!

Yi Ping said quietly, “And despite your injuries, you have joined us to fight the Guardian Divine Naga without complaining. And it is something that you don’t have to do.”

Even though it had happened all too quickly, he had caught sight of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa dealing a powerful blow that stunned the Guardian Divine Naga briefly before she got swept away. It was this crucial brief time that gave him a breathing space and time to execute his attacks!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa grasped the Mystique Core Divine Pill with her trembling hand, “Then...I shan’t be polite...”

All of a sudden she had noticed that everyone was looking at her...

She quickly said, “Why aren’t you looking at the Feather Sword Shard? Why are you looking at me?”

Yi Ping muttered, “Right, right!”

As they were about to examine this Feather Sword Shard more closely, a shimmering blue portal had opened in the middle of the platform and five other beams of light had flashed around them!

The first beam of light had teleported Yi Si, Yu’Er and Mei’Er; they were dazzled but when they saw Yi Ping and their group, they were immediately rejoicing!

Yi Si called out, “Father! Sister Nuwa! And this...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were gasping, “Master Yi Ping!...Protégé mistress!”

The second beam of light had teleported the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Isa, Skylord Jun and the Goddess Celestial Alice!

Their group was all immortals of the highest level and was an overkill group!

They too gasped, “Yi Ping!” and were gasping with surprise, “The Celestial Fairy!”

Alice smiled, “Or is it the Great Goddess Fantian?”

The third beam of light revealed the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang and the Lord Supreme. They too were surprised when they saw Yi Ping and the Celestial Fairy!

The forth beam of light teleported Youxue, Ye Yin, Lele and Yunzi as a group. They were beaming with startled happiness when they saw Yi Ping and Yixian!

The last beam of light teleported the Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of Swords, Han Aiel and the Goddess Aiel as a group. And this group was the nosiest as everyone could hear the Universal Old Man and the Immortal Saint of Swords breaking into quarrels while Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel were also arguing with each other!

From the look of their group, they had been through some hardships!

The Universal Old Man was saying, "You should have listened to me and take that other passage or we couldn't be in this mess..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords was saying, "You ungrateful oaf. Did I just save your sorry ass? You are an immortal practitioner now. To think that your skill level is just this little? How are you going to survive your next heavenly tribulation?"

The Goddess Aiel was throwing a temper, "Han Lin, I will never want to travel with you ever again!"

Han Lin was humming coldly, "As if I have a choice! I want to go with my Brother Ping'Er! I am so sorry that I have been such a light bulb that I spoil your chance to be with the Universal Old Man!"

The Universal Old Man was grinning when he had overheard Han Lin, "Aiel, Aiel, I think we are destined to share the same fate..."

All of a sudden they realized they were in a different place and everyone was looking at them with wry amusements...

The Universal Old Man blinked his eyes as he immediately patted the Immortal Saint of Swords, "We are brothers and having a brotherly discussion!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords muttered weakly, “Brothers indeed!”

Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel were both caught unguarded as they began to flush, “Good sisters!”

Yi Ping beamed with gladness as he could see that everyone was still alive. He forgot his pain and even how tired he was!

“Yi Ping! Sister Xian’Er!”

As everyone regrouped quickly, they asked. “Where are we? What is going on here?”

“Yi Ping, why are you in this state? Are you alright?”

“Sister Xian’Er, you are back! We all miss you...”

Immediately the entire place became extremely lively as everyone tried to talk at the same time!

“We have just been through a horrible experience. What about you?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa muttered, “This group is too noisy for my meditation!”

Yi Ping laughed weakly as he pointed at the blue shimmering portal, “Let’s enter that portal to the next level first! We can chat and share as we move along!”

Everyone immediately approved of this decision unanimous!

But when they had all entered through the shimmering blue portal and found themselves in another passage hall, they began to turn ashen immediately; it was because the black stele that were next to them had indicated to them that this was the 78th level!

They had skipped an astonishing 18 levels!

# Chapter 202: The Second Feather Sword Shard

The archway of this passage was even grander than the earlier levels and instead of gold and white, was cobalt blue and white.

Yi Ping muttered, "It is beautiful..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, "But it is also dangerous. I have never been past the 80th level."

Skylord Jun agreed, "I am sure of it too."

Everyone was slightly surprised that the Skylord Jun was actually the first to agree with Alice. It seemed that after they were grouped together for a while, their animosities were no more!

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess Asura were with them and they knew the reason; in the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary they had all learnt new respect for each other!

Their group was lively and despite their weariness, they were all energized by the presence of each other, especially by Yi Ping and Yixian!

Everyone was interested to know what had happened to Yixian and what exactly had happened during their separations!

Yi Ping and Yixian hastily spent some time doing quick explanations even though they were on the brink of exhaustion but the joyous sight of everyone had kept them going!

Ye Yin stared at Yi Ping in disbelief, "So in the end, it is Sister Lie Qing that end up saving your group? And not you?"

Yi Ping protested weakly with a weak sigh, "Just one little bit more, I can bring that Guardian Divine Naga down but at the last moment, I have completely lost all my strength..."

At this Lingfeng became upset as she knocked Yi Ping's head, "You thick head! You are already so exhausted and yet you have to display your Ten Thousands Memories Sword. Of course your strength will be snapped!

You have almost lost your life because of that!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I wasn’t thinking...”

That was the truth.

As he engaged the Guardian Divine Naga, he was totally immersed in it as he instinctively gave himself to defeat it. In that instant he was acting upon his pure intuitional reflexes.

He muttered weakly when he had thought of that instant, “If I can still persist a little longer, I would have defeat that monster...”

Lingfeng knocked his head again angrily, “Right!”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Xingyue, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Isa and all the other maidens were gasping out for Yi Ping, “Lingfeng, that is enough...”

Yi Ping said weakly to everyone, “No matter.”

Lingfeng immediately softened as she turned her head around, “Go and take a rest first...”

Yi Ping could see and feel her silent tears as he tapped her gently on her shoulder, “Lingfeng...”

But she shrugged her shoulder as she turned aside, “Just leave me alone, you heartless man...”

Yi Ping could see her silent tears that were dripping on the ground even though he could not see her face. He was heartbroken and was at a loss to comfort her. It was because he knew that Lingfeng was worried for him and he knew that this time, he had come really close to hovering on death’s door.

That he could still stand was because he was sustaining himself by his sheer willpower alone!

Yi Si noticed her father dejected look and asked anxiously, “Father, are you alright?”

Yi Ping answered weakly, “I am alright...”

Yu’Er immediately said with a flustered concern, “No, you are not!”

Mei'Er was carefully tendering to him and she was almost closed to tears!

When the Lord Supreme saw their worried look, he was worried for them; it was because he knew that they were being too emotional and that was bad for their future cultivations!

But Yu'Er and Mei'Er could not care less. They knew Yi Ping as the White Sage in the past and they had fond memories of him as the White Sage and as Yi Ping. They had already lost him once and they were not willing to lose him again!

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were not the only ones that were surrounding Yi Ping and showering him with care; he was also surrounded by Xingyue, Yixian, Lele, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin, Youxue, Lie Qing, the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin, the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy Xiang!

When Yi Si had noticed the concerns that were being showered upon her father at this moment, she smiled. "Father, I don't know if I should envy you or not..."

She managed a wry smile before saying, "You have to watch your back. It seems that all of them are not easy to handle."

Han Lin laughed softly, "You little brat. We won't eat your father up!"

The Goddess Aiel flushed as she protested enthrallingly, "What is so good about your father?"

But what she was saying was contrary to her actions; she was wiping Yi Ping's sweats with her hankie even as she spoke!

Yixian said gently, "You must be Yi Si. You are so lovely now. I have remembered holding you in my arms in the past. It seems like that it has happened only yesterday."

Yi Si was in awe of Yixian because she was not only extremely beautiful but extremely elegance, more beautiful than she had imagined and her peerless beauty was simply out of the world!

Yixian was not the only one with unrivalled beauty. There were the

Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel, Lie Qing and the others were all enthralling and alluring in their own mesmerizing ways!

Lele gasped softly as she beamed with pride, “Sister Xian’Er, I have almost forgotten to introduce you to my daughter!”

Just as Yi Si had thought that her mother would cuddle Yixian and her together, Lele seemed to have forgotten all about her as she began to describe her earlier experiences to Yi Ping, “Ping’Er, do you know how the harrowing experiences that I have been through? Do you know, do you know...”

She smiled miserably and thought, “My goodness! My mother has totally forgotten about me...”

Yi Ping coughed weakly and that immediately created a storm of concerns from the group!

He quickly said weakly, “We need to recuperate first before we continue on my way.”

Everyone was nodding or agreeing, unsure why Yi Ping was saying the obvious to them.

Yi Ping took out the Mystique Core Divine Pills as he grinned at the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords, “Brother Lord Supreme, Brother Immortal Saint of Swords, please take one...”

The Universal Old Man was stunned by the number of Mystique Core Divine Pills that were with Yi Ping as he stammered, “How did you get so many...”

Except for those that were with Yi Ping, all the rest of the group was equally stunned!

Even the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was trembling as she gasped in disbelief, “Impossible!...”

The Goddess Asura clasped her mouth with her hands, “Yi Ping!...”

That was because she had owed it to the Mystique Core Divine Pills to



attain the mystical Seventh Immortal level Positioning!

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang and the Goddess Aiel were all looking pleadingly at Yi Ping, hoping that he could give them the Mystique Core Divine Pills to advance their Heavenly Eyes to the next level!

Yi Ping grinned at the Immortal Saint of Swords, "I still remembered that the first time that I have met you. I have no confident of winning..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords stroked his white beard and laughed, "But now you may not lose to me anymore."

Yi Ping coughed weakly before he grinned, "That time you have said how frustrating that you have felt and the countless heavenly tribulations that you are forced to endure without finding a breakthrough to the Gods' Realm. With your present attainment, with the Deific Divine Skill, with this Mystique Core Divine Pill, I am sure you will finally cultivate as an immortal practitioner finally."

The Immortal Saint of Swords had already queried their adventures from Yunzi and knew how precious this Mystique Core Divine Pill was!

Finally he could become an immortal practitioner!

He was trembling, "Brother Yi Ping, you are indeed generous. How can I repay you?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Don't mention it. How about exchanging it for the Blue Heavens Divine Sword?"

Xingyue smiled as she tugged Yi Ping...

The Immortal Saint of Swords smiled, "I have already lost the Blue Heavens Divine Sword to you and gains Yunzi as my protégé. That is an unfair exchange..."

Yunzi was also smiling. It was because she knew that her protégé master could finally put the loss of the Blue Heavens Divine Sword to rest and that would only help to advance his future cultivation attainment!

The Lord Supreme was sighing, "I have never expected to be given such

a precious pill just like this...”

The Goddess Aiel who had known the Lord Supreme for a long time, “One Mystique Core Divine Pill can even spark a war in the Immortal Realm. That is how rare and precious it is. Even though I have not reached the Sixth Immortal Positioning, if I have one in my hands I will surely wait till the time that I have reached that level to consume it...”

Han Lin said teasingly, “Oh mine! Mistress! You are openly hinting Yi Ping to give you a Mystique Core Divine Pill?! You already have so many stuff from Brother Yi Ping already. You are so greedy!”

The Goddess Aiel began to fluster as she quickly protested, “I am not! I am a Divine Physician and it is in my interest to study it...”

Han Lin said exasperatingly, “When did you become a Divine Physician?!”

Many of the maidens were secretly looking at the Goddess Aiel in disbelief as they pursed their lips; it was not because they were offended by the Goddess Aiel who had shamelessly hinted to Yi Ping to let her have a Mystique Core Divine Pill but because they were all thinking the same but had not asked due to pride and did not want to be viewed as being greedy by the others.

But the Goddess Aiel did not seem to be bothered as she looked enthralingly at Yi Ping!

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, “I wonder if it is possible to advance the Seventh Immortal Positioning to the Eighth Immortal Positioning with these Mystique Core Divine Pills?”

Everyone was suddenly gasping at this possibility!

Everyone was thinking; Yi Ping and the Goddess Celestial Alice had not taken the Mystique Core Divine Pills and there may be a chance for them to advance their Seventh Immortal Positioning to the Eighth Immortal Positioning!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “One is surely not enough. Maybe three of the Mystique Core Divine Pills can do it but he

will surely die of an overdose first!”

All of a sudden she smiled mysteriously as she flashed the Mystique Core Divine Pill with her fingers!

Everyone was startled that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa actually had a Mystique Core Divine Pill too!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa took a sudden look at Yi Ping with a mysterious smile, immediately startling Yi Ping who thought. “Why is she looking at me like that?”

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa popped the Mystique Core Divine Pill into her mouth!

Lele immediately stepped forward to ask Yi Ping, “Ping’Er, why did you give a Mystique Core Divine Pill to that demoness? Why didn’t you...give me any?!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled by Lele’s audacity, “You call me a demoness?”

But Lele totally ignored her as she flew into Yi Ping’s embrace, “Ping’Er! Say something!”

Yi Ping had turned ashen when Lele had suddenly crashed into him and he felt as though all his joints would give way. He smiled bitterly, “We have agreed to share the loot together. Lele, I have a Sanctorum Relic for you...”

Not only Lele was stunned, the rest of the group was equally stunned as they gasped out, “The Sanctorum Relic!”

The Sanctorum Relic had the power to advance the divine weapon into an immortal weapon and unlocked a sanctorum power!

Lele gasped, “Is it really for me?”

Yi Ping muttered, “Don’t worry, I have three of those...”

“Three?!” Again, the majority of the group was stunned!

Lingfeng was suddenly turned around as she shook her head, “I sense

that something terrible is going to happen very soon...”

The Universal Old Man was looking at Lingfeng with a weak smile as he said, “How come your group gets all the good stuff. I swear that I will never lose my sight on Yi Ping ever again...”

Lingfeng shot him an angry glance as she muttered almost incoherently, “You greedy pig!”

Then she shot Yi Ping with an exasperated look that was equaled to, “You generous pig!”

When Yi Ping saw Lingfeng’s expressions, he smiled even more bitterly but at the same time he was secretly pleased that she was looking at him again...

Xingyue was shaking her head, “I guess they know everything now...”

Yixian was smiling gently at Yi Ping and was amused, “Ping’Er, I think you are in a fine mess...”

Lele muttered, “How come I cannot be in the same group as Yi Ping. This is so unfair. What else have you got?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he took out the Feather Sword Shard, “Only this...”

The Universal Old Man asked, “What is that?”

And many in the group were asking the same as well as they crowded around Yi Ping to look curiously at it.

Yi Si gasped all of a sudden, “This is!...”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “Si’Er, you recognize this?”

Yi Si nodded as she took out a sharp white metallic that looked like what Yi Ping had shown!

Yi Ping, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Xingyue, Lie Qing, Lingfeng and Yixian were all equally stunned; it was because they knew how precious this Feather Sword Shard was and how difficult it was for them to obtain it!

Yi Si smiled shyly as she looked at everyone before she tossed it gently to Yi Ping, "Father, you may have it. I have no real use for it!"

As Yi Ping took the second Feather Sword Shard, he asked. "Yi Si, how did you get this?"

Yi Si smiled, "Is it rare? After we defeat the boss on the 30th level, it dropped for us. Grandpa said that he had never seen this before. After divining, he gave it to me and told me that one day I may find a use for it. But for what purpose, he did not know either. But I am going to give it to you, Father."

Yi Ping coughed weakly before he grinned, "Good daughter! I suppose to collect three Feather Sword Shards. Now I have two now. Good! I have to be honest with you and to everyone. The Great God Pangu had told me to collect all three of the Feather Sword Shards for the fate of the Three Known Realms may well depend on it. I am not sure of the details actually but these Feather Sword Shards are extremely important."

Lele smiled, "Good daughter. You have helped your father!"

Yi Si flushed slightly, "It is nothing!"

Lele tugged Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, you have received something so precious from our daughter. Surely you are not thinking of taking it for free? Why not give her something in return?"

Yi Ping nodded as he looked gently at Yi Si, "Si'Er, this is the Mystique Core Divine Pill. Take this. But only take it when you have reached the Sixth Immortal Positioning or have reached a deadlock in your celestial practice. Use it wisely."

Yi Si clapped delightfully, "Father, thank you!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess muttered, "You are so lucky..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and many others were secretly looking with at the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess with an amused expression. They knew that she was envious...

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was not the only one who was

looking at Yi Ping with weird looks; all the rest of the group was actually counting the number of Mystique Core Divine Pills that were in Yi Ping's hands. There was just five left!

All of a sudden Yi Ping kept one of the two of the Mystique Core Divine Pills, startling the rest!

Youxue smiled wryly, "Ping'Er, you are keeping two for who?"

Yunzi smiled gently, "I guess that it is for Yang Min and Shi Shi?"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "Yunzi really knows me."

Lingfeng hummed coldly, "You still have three so who will you give?"

All of a sudden Yi Ping flickered his fingers to send one of the Mystique Core Divine Pills straight at Lingfeng who caught it immediately!

Lingfeng was startled as she gasped, "What is the meaning of this?!"

Yi Ping grinned, "If I don't give you one, you will forever be mad at me. I don't want that to happen. So don't you think that I can at least try bribing you a little?"

Lingfeng flushed shyly as she quickly looked down and said nothing...

Only two of the Mystique Core Divine Pills were left now...

Yi Ping suddenly walked to the Goddess Isa and said quietly to her, "If the Dark Chaos Lord is here then he will surely give one to you..."

The Goddess Isa was gasping, "This is for me? Really..."

Yi Ping nodded, "I owe this much to you!"

The Goddess Isa was closed to tears as she fell weakly into Yi Ping's embrace, startling him and causing him to flush awkwardly!

Yi Ping muttered, "I think..."

The Goddess Isa was trembling, "Finally I can attain to the Seventh Immortal Positioning..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Asura immediately said at the same time, "Congrats!"

It was easier for them to react so naturally because the two of them had already reached the Seventh Immortal Positioning!

Skylord Jun and the Goddess of Mercy Xiang were smiling weakly as they eyed the last remaining Mystique Core Divine Pill as they thought at the same time, “Even the Goddess Isa has one. She will be the third Zen Practitioner to have cultivated to the Seventh Immortal Positioning then...”

The Goddess of Mercy was already at the Sixth Immortal Positioning. She just needed one step but that step was one giant step. She pursed her lips as she sighed terribly, “The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa, they are all one Immortal Ranking higher than me. I am the weakest of the three predestined consorts...”

Yi Ping looked at the last remaining Mystique Core Divine Pill as he sighed quietly. It was because he knew that this was going to be a hard choice.

“This last one. Who do I give to?”

He looked quietly at the Goddess of Mercy, Yunzi, Youxue, Xingyue, Han Lin, the Goddess Aiel, Lie Qing, Lele, Yu’Er, Mei’Er and at Skylord Jun...

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess sighed softly and knew that she was being excluded as Yi Ping did not look at her at all...

Finally Yi Ping’s eyes became firm as he said aloud, “I am going to give this to the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess.”

Everyone was stunned and they were all gasping with shock!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gasped, “It is for me?!”

Yi Ping nodded as he said, “Thank you for saving Yi Si. Without you, I couldn’t be reunited with my daughter. For this, I am really grateful.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess for the first time was flushing, “It is nothing...it is not something great!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “If you take this Mystique Core Divine Pill, then you will surely be one of the most powerful

Heavenly Kings. Congrats then!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled weakly as she stole a glance at her as she thought, “Nuwa seems to have changed. I wonder what has happened. She may appear cold but from the way she looks at this Yi Ping, I am sure that there must be something ongoing...”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he said wryly, “Now that Ancient Heavenly Sage King will be in trouble.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess laughed softly, “Now I can kick his butt directly! And his best friend the Western Paradise Heavenly King!”

Lele said miserably, “I got nothing...”

Yi Ping immediately said, “Lele, this is the Sanctorum Relic. You can have it.”

Lele was immediately beaming with delight as she laughed jovially, “Oh really? Ping’Er, you have not forgotten about me!”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he tried to be fair to everyone.

He quickly said, “Xingyue, Yunzi...these two Sanctorum Relics are for you.”

Yunzi was surprised, “For me?”

Xingyue was also surprised, “For me as well?”

Yi Ping nodded and said, “Now the Divine Echo, the White Phoenix Sword and the Blue Heavens will be able to evolve into immortal swords. And these swords will be able to aid you to progress as immortal practitioners.”

The Goddess Aiel said melancholy, “I got nothing...”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “Mistress, you are being too greedy. I got nothing as well...”

Yi Ping smiled gently as he looked at the smiling Yu’Er and Mei’Er who did not mind at all; they were highly attained immortal practitioners now



and were content just to be with Yi Ping.

He smiled at them before looking at Yixian, Han Lin, Youxue, the Goddess Aiel, Ye Yin, Lie Qing, the Goddess of Mercy, the Goddess Celestial Alice, Skylord Jun and the Goddess Asura, “Xian’Er, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Han Lin, Ye Yin, Youxue, Qing’Er, Aiel, Xiang’Er, Ziyang, Asura, Brother Skylord Jun...I am sure that as we go further up the Stellar Sanctuary, we will be able to find better things and I will surely give you the priorities. Alright?”

Yixian, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Celestial Alice, Lie Qing, Youxue, the Goddess of Mercy immediately replied, “I don’t mind!”

The Goddess Aiel took a shy look at Yi Ping as she smiled dreamily, “It is a promise then!”

Han Lin immediately said, “Can we exclude Aiel? She seems to take all the good things and wants more!”

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “That is because Yi Ping likes me and not like you Han Lin!”

Han Lin said exasperatedly, “Mistress, aren’t you shy at all?”

Yi Ping was also laughing. He had never known that a half-dead man would be laughing so jovially. And everyone was also laughing along together!

All of a sudden Yixian said quietly, “Ping’Er, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa. I have something to talk to you in private. Can we go somewhere quiet for the time being?”

Everyone was startled and was immediately silent!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa replied coldly, “I don’t mind.”

Yi Ping nodded weakly, “Yes sure...”

# Chapter 203: Secrets of the Feather Sword Shards

Yixian helped Yi Ping to one side while the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa watched quietly.

They were now alone in a dimly lit passage hall. While they were not far from the others, they were far enough so that they could not be overheard.

Yi Ping appeared to be feverish as he stumbled weakly to the side of the wall.

At the same time the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yixian with a soft hum, "So what do you want? What do you want to say?"

Yixian reluctantly let go of Yi Ping as she whispered gently, "Ping'Er, take a rest first. You have done really well so far and you should take a rest."

She tapped him gently on his shoulder and Yi Ping began to doze off before she looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "Now we can finally talk."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa did not seem to be surprised as she worded coldly, "Indeed! So what does the mighty Great Goddess Fantian wants with me? So you want to end me or to seal me? This is your best time to do so or else when the Mystique Core Divine Pill has taken its effect, you will surely regret your act of mercy."

Yixian looked at her gently, "Are you still upset with me?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa raised her eyebrows, "So you have finally remembered?"

Yixian nodded as she stole a glance at Yi Ping, "Yes, I have remembered."

She took a glance at Yi Ping with a bashful look. She knew her destiny now. She was the Great Goddess Fantian and she was a companion to the

Great God Pangu. They were the High Gods, the first of the immortal race and they were also called the Desolate Powers, rightly so because they were gifted with the Chaotic Desolate Force, an innate might that automatically started the weakest Desolate Powers at the Seventh Immortal Positioning!

While Immortals of the Sixth Immortal Positioning possessed a golden body that rendered them immune to the passage of time, from the elements and they need not sustain their rare hunger through divine fruits any longer, Immortals of the Seventh Immortal Positioning were the true immortals and they were no longer affected by the Divine Calamities.

The Immortals of the Eighth Immortal Positioning possessed a divine body that would not decay even if they would be killed. However, killing an Immortal of the Eighth Immortal Positioning would prove to be extremely difficult since they were all highly resilient to damage and possessed rapid healing. And less than a hundred of the Desolate Powers were of the Eighth Immortal Positioning; the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Goddess Nuwa were among them.

Only the Great God Pangu was of the Ninth Immortal Positioning because he was the first among the Desolate Powers.

Yi Ping was now of the Seventh Immortal Positioning and while he had not truly been through the entire immortal stages, that was no longer important. That was because any practitioners that could reach the Seventh Immortal Positioning were already a True Immortal!

Because very few practitioners, even for the immortal practitioners could actually reach the Seventh Immortal Positioning, none of them was actually aware that Yi Ping was already a True Immortal.

The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Asura were the only one in their group to have reached the Seventh Immortal Positioning and it was only a recent event. As for the Goddess Isa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, they had just taken the Mystique Core Divine Pill and they would attain the Seventh Immortal Positioning very soon.

As Yi Ping dozed off, a faint golden animus that only practitioners of the Seventh Immortal Positioning and above could see was enveloping him and rapidly healing him. This healing effect was more obvious in the Stellar Sanctuary than elsewhere because the rate of recovery here was ten times much faster!

Yixian beamed as she said, "He has now gained control of his Heaven Eyes and is now in full mastery of the Seventh Cosmos Positioning. From now on, he is an immortal..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa muttered, "I really got a big fright when that Guardian Divine Naga crushed on top on him just like that."

Yixian nodded as her eyes beamed with tears, "I have the same feeling as well. I have thought that is really the end of him."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded lightly, "If it isn't for the timely intervention of Maiden Lie Qing, the Great God Pangu will surely meet his end by a lowly divine beast. That will be the most hilarious legend ever!"

All of a sudden Yixian broke into a soft smile as she giggled softly, "Oh really? That is funny."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gave her a puzzled look, "He has almost lost his life and you can actually laugh about it?"

Yixian flushes lightly as she smiled weakly, "It is not that. Ping'Er always has a knack of attracting weird creatures to him and he is almost killed by them on many occasions."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa stared at her in disbelief before she too, began to smile, "He is so endeavoring. Really!"

Yixian smiled gently, "Really!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa regained her composure immediately, "Surely you did not ask me to be here to talk about only this?"

Yixian looked at her, "I ask that you will join us and I have a favor to ask

you.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, “I have already joined your group but tell me about this favor to see if I am interested. Don’t tell me you want to ask me about the whereabouts of the Ancient Divine Fortress?”

Yixian shook her head, “I won’t and I don’t have to know. That is because you don’t know anything about the Ancient Divine Fortress.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “Oh really?”

Yixian said, “If you are with the other Desolate Powers then you won’t be in the Stellar Sanctuary and you won’t be sealed by the Divine Nine Cauldron.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled bitterly, “You know?”

Yixian nodded, “At first I did not know but now I do know now. I know now that he has sealed you with the Divine Nine Cauldron to protect you and to help you to cultivate. Or else you won’t be here at all.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled bitterly, “When did you know about it?”

Yixian sighed softly, “When I have seen the Feather Sword Shards...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled bitterly...

Yixian explained, “One of the Feather Sword Shards has your divine animus signature. Even though it is extremely faint but I can sense it.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, “The Great God Pangu has once shown me one of the Feather Sword Shards and I have fingered it for a while.”

All of a sudden Yi Ping was muttering almost incoherently in his sleep, “Great God Pangu...You have asked me to tell...the Lady Fantian...and the Lady Nuwa...to forget about you...but...I don’t have the heart to say to them...Xian’Er is always my Xian’Er. The Lady Nuwa...alas!...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was trembling as she said quietly, “He didn’t forget about me after all...”

Yixian said quietly, "The Great God Pangu is no more. You shouldn't be so obstinate and you should continue to refine your cultivation..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled coldly, "Speak for yourself first. You have actually sacrificed your entire attainment to try to help the Great God Pangu. Is it worth it?"

Yixian smiled gently, "It is worth it! Even though I am no longer the Great Goddess Fantian now but I am equally happy and blissful because I have him by my side! But for you, he will never remember who you are..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted softly, "Is that important now?"

Yixian looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gently into her eyes...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said firmly, "I have a belief that my affection for him will one day be reciprocated. Even if Heavens will not bless me, even if I am spurn by all the gods, I will want to live through all his sufferings, never leave or forsake him. Even if he did not recognize me anymore so what does it really matter? Does it matter? Is it important?"

Yixian trembled a little. Even though she was rarely moved by emotions but the conviction of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had clearly moved her!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa added, "You can imagine my delight when I have realized that he is really the Great God Pangu. Who else can injure me? It seems that all my entire life, I am unable to overcome his hurdle that is set upon me. But why fight it? I will rather embrace it. Don't you think so that Yi Ping is really an interesting chap?"

Yixian smiled weakly, "You look like you really want to eat him up."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "Oh really. So you are not blind."

All of a sudden Yixian looked at her intently, "I have a favor to ask. Lend Yi Ping your Desolate Force and help to elevate him to the Eight Immortal Positioning."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled, “Is that possible? If it is possible, I will surely help him.”

Yixian nodded, “My strength alone isn’t enough to elevate him to the Eighth Immortal Positioning. That is why I have asked you to be here.”

She bended down gently to Yi Ping before she took out the two Feather Sword Shards, “In the entire Three Known Realms, I am the only one that knows the secrets of these Feather Sword Shards.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at the Feather Sword Shards curiously, “The Great God Pangu had once told me that these Feather Sword Shards are Ancient Immortal Artefacts. So what are their secrets?”

Yixian held the two Feather Sword Shards with a forlorn look, “There is a prophecy too. These three Feather Sword Shards represent the three main consorts of the future Great God Pangu. By their blood, they will lend strength and be bonded to him.”

She sighed softly, “This is the real prophecy of the three main consorts...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled, “The prophecy of the three main consorts?”

Yixian nodded, “Three future consorts of the future Great God Pangu will help to awaken him and they will share the Three Known Realms with him.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was delighted, “And I am one of the three?”

Yixian smiled, “You can still back off now if you have any regrets.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “No, I won’t. Show me how to do it.”

Yixian tossed one of the Feather Sword Shard to her before saying, “Do as I do.”

She clasped the remaining Feather Sword Shard tightly in her right palm till it was bloodied as she imbued her martial power to it. Finally

she tossed it straight at Yi Ping, startling the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

But to the surprise of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, the Feather Sword Shard vanished in thin air before it struck Yi Ping!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately understood and did the same too as she threw the Feather Sword Shard exactly in the same manner as Yixian and it too vanished before it struck Yi Ping!

Yixian nodded, “Now Yi Ping has the strength of my Righteous Universal Force and your Chaotic Desolate force. When he has awakened, he will be in the same Eighth Immortal Positioning as us.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was delightful, “Good! But the Great God Pangu is in the Ninth Immortal Positioning while Yi Ping is only at the Eighth Immortal Positioning now. Does it mean that the third Feather Sword Shard will propel him to the Ninth Immortal Positioning? And who will be his third consort?”

She paused for a while before she smiled, “So it is the Heavenness?”

Yixian said quietly, “It is still early to say. The Goddess Celestial Alice, Lie Qing, Youxue or Lele are all possible ones. Or it can be the other maidens. At this point of time, it is really hard to say.”

All of a sudden the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked, “Why is that I am suddenly feeling so drowsy? I have this weird feeling that I have never experienced before...”

Yixian smiled weakly, “That is because we are now bonded together now. Didn’t you say you want to experience and share in his sufferings earlier? Now you got your wish.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa leaned weakly against the wall, “That is only a figurative speech. I am so nausea now. Someone help me...”



# Chapter 204: Dual Celestial

Yixian said gently to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “Yi Ping has sheer endurance and even if suffered the most unbearable pain, he would not tell anyone.”

She knew because she had seen the flinch in his expressions many times but somehow Yi Ping had always chosen to keep his pain and anxiety, refusing to share with anyone else.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa muttered almost incoherent, “Is he even human...”

Yixian laughed softly, “It will soon come to pass so don’t worry too much.”

Indeed after a while the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa began to feel better but she was so dizzy from the nausea feeling that she had lean against the wall!

Yi Ping had suddenly awakened from his sleep and he could feel a sudden vigor coursing through him. He had only remembered taking a little doze and now he had completely regained his strength.

He felt a little weird because he felt lighter than usual and his mind seemed to be sharper than usual. As he adjusted his vision, he was startled to find himself looking directly at Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

He muttered immediately, “Xian’Er, Lady Nuwa...”

But he was startled to find that he could sense their heartfelt affections burning strongly for him as he thought, “I can sense their hearts? What is going on?”

Xian’Er smiled gently, “Ping’Er, you have finally awakened.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked after him, “Yi Ping, are you well? Do you know that you have now attained the Eight Immortal Positioning?”

Yi Ping was even more startled because he could feel their delights even before they had expressed it!

He used to think that Xian'Er emotions were difficult to fathom because of the Emotionless Rhythm that she was practicing but now he could feel all her thousand affections that were burning in his heart!

Yi Ping muttered, "Xian'Er..."

All of a sudden he sensed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be upset with him and the next thing that she had said was, "Yi Ping, why are you only showing your affections for Fantian and not me?"

Yi Ping was startled as he stammered bewilderedly, "I...? Lady Nuwa?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa folded her arms as she pretended to be upset, "Yi Ping, I am your consort now so don't forget about it!"

Yi Ping was stunned, "When did you become my consort?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said indignantly, "Just now!"

Yi Ping blinked his eyes as he looked at Yixian for help but he got a shock of his life when Yixian nodded and said, "The Lady Nuwa is your consort now. You can sense what she feels now and she can sense what you feel now. That is because the three of us have dual celestial as one body now."

He gasped with disbelief, "Dual Celestial?"

The Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, "Perhaps Dual celestial is not the proper word since there are three of us and we have yet to find your third dual celestial consort yet!"

Yi Ping's head was in a spin, "Can someone explain to me from the beginning. I am really confused now."

He looked at Yixian with a puzzled look...

Yixian smiled gently, "Ping'Er, we have used the Feather Sword Shard to enter into a divine unison with you. From now on, we are truly one..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, "Yes!"

Yi Ping was startled by the sudden transformation of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and he could sense her exuberant heart!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was naturally on cloud nine. It was because she had never dreamt that one day she would be able to dual celestial with the Great God Pangu. She thought, "In the past, I have to vie with the Great Goddess Fantian for the attention of the Great God Pang and have lost. Now that I can finally dual celestial with the Great God Pangu, I don't mind sharing him anymore. This is so weird. Maybe that is how loser feels. Hmph! But I am a goddess and above emotions!"

But she had quickly cast away her above emotions and purposely rubbed against Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was immediately startled by a startling electric pulse that coursed right through to him!

Yixian smiled too as she could sense Yi Ping's emotions but she said nothing.

There was a brief awkward silence as the three of them looked at each other as they realized that they were letting their emotions making known to each other!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa quickly interrupted the silence moments by saying, "Yi Ping, from now on we will be able to use a silent type of divine whisper that only be known to the dual celestial practitioners. No gods or goddess will be able to eavesdrop upon us when we use this secret whispering skill."

Yi Ping immediately e stammered excitedly, "A secret divine whispering skill. I like to learn..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted him all of a sudden by gently touching him on his forehead with her fingers, "The dual hearts of the practitioners are as one, in unison and as one spirit, one mind, one body. The spirit channels are linker spirits, as one, in unison and as one entity."

She smiled gently, "Now you have learnt it."

Yi Ping was startled, "That is quick?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "Try it then. Recite silently the intricate formula and focus your will to talk to me."

An astonished Yi Ping focused himself with his Absolute Spirits and willed to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as he recited silently the intricate formula that he had just heard, "Can you hear me?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa willed back, "Yes, I can hear you. You have done it. Now we can exchange our incognito thoughts with each other!"

Yixian willed back, "Ping'Er, well done!"

Yi Ping was astonished when he had heard Yixian, "Xian'Er, I can hear you too?"

Yixian blushes lightly, "That is because the three of us have dual celestial with each other. That is why I can hear you too."

Yi Ping laughed softly, "True, true. This secret skill is indeed wonderful!"

All of a sudden he sensed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be displeased so he asked her, "Is something wrong?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be in deep thoughts for a while before she looked weakly at Yi Ping and Yixian, "This secret dual celestial whispering skill is completely useless!"

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "Why? It is most wonderful. It is going to be handy during a tough battle..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled bitterly, "Not that. It is useless because it is not so secret after all."

Yi Ping was stunned while Yixian was smiling sweetly!

Yi Ping asked, "Why is it that this skill is not so secret?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yixian and sighed softly, "That is because the Great Goddess Fantian is able to hear our secret conversations. So what so secret about it? We are all linked by this secret

divine art. This skill is only meant for two people and we have three people. So do you think that this is a secret skill after all?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he finally realized what the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was hinting. So he smiled, "We got nothing to hide anyway. This secret dual celestial whisperer skill is going to be useful for us in a fight..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa shook her head as she purposed walked past Yi Ping but she had purposely stepped on his foot as she said coldly, "You are only thinking of fighting and fighting. No one says that this skill isn't useful outside of a fight. You just have to think of something for it."

Yi Ping smiled weakly but he quickly said, "Right..."

Yixian smiled, "Ping'Er now that you have fully recovered, do you think that you can exercise your Eighth Immortal Positioning and give it a try?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "That is what I want to see too."

Yi Ping nodded as he mustered his vital energies as he focused through his Heaven Eyes as his forehead began to glow with a purplish hue!

Immediately there was a startling martial force that was enveloping around him, startling Yixian and Nuwa at the same time!

Yixian gasped, "This is Ping'Er Eighth Immortal Positioning? It is really strong!"

Even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was startled as she took a step back as she gasped, "It is really impressive. This martial force seems to be flowing endlessly and will never dissipate as long as Yi Ping uses his Eighth Immortal Positioning!"

Yi Ping was startled as well as he felt the gushing martial force that was around him as he muttered, "This is..."

Yixian raised her fingers to display the Divine Emerald Skill with a countering force as she said, "Even my Divine Emerald Force can't

dissipate your protective martial force. This is indeed strange. There seem to be a reactive force that is opposing my force.”

Yi Ping nodded as he said, “Xian’Er, Lady Nuwa, please step behind for a while.”

As he said that he had suddenly drawn out his Celestial Alice Divine Sword and the Fantian Sovereign Sword with a graceful arc as he shoved both swords into the ground with a thunderous earthshaking impact that rocked the entire passage and sending debris flying in all directions!

So great was the conflicting impact that even Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had mustered their martial force to dissipate it. Even then, they were still forced to take several steps backward at the same time!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked at Yi Ping curiously, “What are you testing? Are you trying to bring the entire passage down upon us?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he said as he raised both his hands, “Just as I thought. This enveloping martial force around me is actually the Asper Divinity. Previously I can only sustain the martial power of my Asper Divinity for a short burst. But when I exercise my martial strength to display my martial power, this enveloping martial force immediately reacts just like my Asper Divinity to give me strength.”

Yixian smiled delightfully, “Ping’Er, you are so strong now!”

Yi Ping sighed softly, “I hope so. The Dark Primordial and the Great Ascetic Heavenly Kings are really formidable. I hope that I will be able to protect everyone and fight them.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “Why should we be afraid of them? They should be more afraid of us rather.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly; that was because he knew that in a real fight, killing intent, cunning and techniques were actually determined the outcome over superior martial strength and power. If his opponents were bent on eating his heart, this determination could easily be transformed

into added martial strength and focus in a fight which could actually determine the outcome between the victor and the vanquished!

But he quickly recollected his thoughts again. It was because his determination to protect everyone had not lessened but had actually strengthened!

At this moment he had unwittingly entered into a new state of divinity; the stronger the opponent, the more unfaltering his will was!

Just as he was about to reply to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, he saw Shen Xingyue, Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Youxue and the rest of the group dashing panicky in his direction, startling him!

Lingfeng stole a glance at Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "What is happening? We have heard a large explosion here and rush here immediately..."

All of a sudden she gasped, "Ping'Er, your Heaven Eyes is glowing a scarlet color. Don't tell me you have reached the Eighth Immortal Positioning?"

The rest of the group was all gasping as well!

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Yes, that is right."

Yunzi looked at Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa before saying, "Ping'Er, you are well now? I am so glad that you have attained the Eighth Immortal Positioning..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Aiel, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, the Universal Old Man, Skylord Jun, the Goddess Asura were all looking at Yi Ping in disbelief!

That was because the Seventh Immortal Positioning was already near mystical level and prior to the appearance of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, no one had thought that it was even possible to attain the Eighth Immortal Positioning!

The Goddess Celestial Alice lowered her head as she said gently, "I know that you are the one. You are surely the Great God Pangu or surely

you can't even attain to the Eighth Immortal Positioning.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was also muttering, “This immeasurable power that I am sensing now is the Eighth Immortal Positioning?”

She looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and was startled to see the soft change in her expressions; gone was her cold look and it was replaced by a beaming look!

Meanwhile Yi Si said to Lele, “Mother. Father seems to be well now. You don't have to worry anymore.”

Lele flashed a dangerous look as she said coolly, “Who says I am worrying?”

Han Lin clapped her hands, “Brother Yi Ping is my hero!”

The Goddess Aiel looked at her and whispered, “Don't forget there is only one goddess in the Celestial Aiel Sect and that is me. You ought to idolize only me.”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “That is too egoistic of you, mistress...”

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “I have a divine sword now, Han Lin.”

Han Lin said, “And I have the Green Dragon Divine Sword. Your divine sword is nowhere better than mine. And you didn't soak your divine sword in that Ancient Swords Divine Pool.”

The Goddess Aiel smiled, “Who cares for that? This divine sword is a present from Yi Ping!”

Han Lin answered, “Yeah right. Who cares for that too!”

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, “You sure you don't care?”

Han Lin laughed, “I am sure I don't!”

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were all actually paying attention to Aiel and Han Lin all this while. They had noticed that Aiel and Han Lin were chatting nonstop from just now till now. The two of them looked so carefree and they were



actually envious.

They had known Aiel for a long time but had no idea that she was a real goddess and she was also a really enticing goddess. In the early days, Aiel was always looking for them but they had mostly ignored her because they wanted to focus on their divine practice. They were now a little regretful when they had thought of that because Aiel seemed to be ignoring them completely now. It seemed that her world was for Yi Ping now...

Ye Yin, Mei'Er and Yu'Er were all looking at each other. It was because through their linking spirits, they were able to sense that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was very different from earlier!

The Goddess Isa beamed with delight as she said, "Yi Ping, glad that you have attained the Eighth Immortal Positioning. I have also just attained the Seventh Immortal Positioning. Why don't we have a little duel to see who is the superior fighter?"

This immediately caught Yi Ping's interest as he asked excitedly, "When? Now? Let's..."

Lele and Lie Qing immediately caught Yi Ping on his shoulders as they said at the same time, "Wait a minute!"

Yi Ping asked, "Qing'Er, Lele. Why are you holding me?"

Lie Qing laughed enchantingly, "First of all, don't you think you should at the very least tell us what is going on around here? Why are your swords in the ground? How did you attain to the Eighth Immortal Positioning? What exactly happens just now?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa interrupted with a cold hum before she said with a straight face as she looked intently at everyone, "Yi Ping and I have dual celestial now."

Immediately almost everyone was stunned, turned ashen or met this announcement with disbelief!

Lingfeng asked weakly, "Ping'Er, tell me this isn't true?"

Lie Qing met Yi Ping with an angry look, "Ping'Er, is it true?"

Youxue was in disbelief so does Lele!

The Goddess Aiel took a step back in shock!

The Goddess Celestial Alice was also trembling!

Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yunzi, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Han Lin, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess of Mercy and the Goddess Isa were all staring blankly!

It was because while they knew that Yi Ping may have many consorts if they managed to escape from this place eventually but none of them really mind that. But for the dual celestial, there was only one. None of them really wanted the other maidens to be the one that would dual celestial with Yi Ping as that would mean that maiden would have Yi Ping's heart all by himself!

Ye Yin unsheathed her beaming divine sword as she pointed at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "They have made me a promise that I will be the one that will dual celestial with Yi Ping. I am going to kill you for your lies!"

Lele quickly interrupted, "Who they? I have never promised you anything!"

All of a sudden all the maidens except for Yi Si and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had all broken into minor fights!

Yixian was smiling weakly, "Wait everyone. The Lady Nuwa is not the only one that has dual celestial with Ping'Er. I have too..."

As she said that, it was met with strong protests!

The Goddess Isa said coldly, "Then you have to bear the consequences of that too!"

Yi Ping exploded his martial shout thunderously, "Stop everyone!"

But he found himself getting ignored as he could only looked weakly at his brothers the Skylord Jun, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords. "Someone helps me?"

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly amidst the rows, "This is your own family problems..."

The Lord Supreme was also smiling weakly, "You think I will be able to stop Yu'Er and Mei'Er?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he shouted again but to no avail.

"The Four Aggregates Sword Formation!" Ye Yin commanded.

"Qing'Er, we need you for the Celestial Star Formation. " Lele protested.

The Goddess Celestial Alice said coldly, "The Goddess Theocracy on one side!"

The Goddess of Mercy hummed coldly, "So I am on my own?"

Yi Ping shouted panicky, "Wait stop! Everyone, stop! Or don't force me to fight with you!"

Lingfeng hummed coldly, "You dare to raise your hands on me? Everyone, let's beat this stupid rascal up."

Ye Yin said exasperatedly, "You know what. I actually agree with you."

Youxue said, "Same here."

Yi Ping was suddenly looking at everyone blankly as he noticed the hostile looks that were around him. He looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa blankly as he willed to her, "Even you?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa willed back, "What do you think?"

# Chapter 205: The Divine Purgatory Fire Formation

Yi Ping sighed with relief as he looked at everyone, "This is the 78th level and we ought to exercise caution."

All the maidens, the Universal Old Man, the Skylord Jun, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were all listening as they entered a towering circular passage with white arching ceiling.

This circular passage was imposing and if one was not careful, they would miss the cleverly concealed passage ways that were made to look like part of the circular walls.

Yi Ping said, "There are many passages but which one should we take?"

Mei'Er laughed, "Yes, there are many but we can only pick only one. What a headache to decide!"

Yu'Er smiled, "But no matter, we still have to choose a passage to take."

Han Lin said, "I see altogether nine passages."

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, "I see only six passages."

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly, "I can only count five passages."

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "I can only see five passages too. Han Lin, your eyes are indeed sharp!"

Youxue smiled, "There are eleven passages altogether."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked intently, "There are eleven passages? I see only ten."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess muttered, "I see only nine."

The Heaveness Lingfeng, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Isa, Lie Qing, the Joyful Goddess Lele, Yunzi, the Goddess of Mercy, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin and the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Yixian and Yi Si were already recounting as they muttered, "One, two, three, four..."

Yi Ping said, "If Youxue says there are eleven passages then she must be right. Xue'Er, can you point to us all eleven of the passages?"

Lingfeng smiled to him, "Are you thinking of taking the most concealed passage?"

Yi Ping laughed, "Lingfeng, you are right. You are indeed the flurry worm in my stomach!"

Lingfeng muttered unhappily, "Do you have to add the flurry word into that phrase?"

Yi Ping answered, "That is maybe because you seem to be fatter lately?"

Immediately there were a startling flash of brilliant lights as Lingfeng threw three needles at Yi Ping!

Yi Ping immediately blocked the needles with his scabbard with a lightning reflex as the three needles bounced furiously off!

He exclaimed in disbelief, "Lingfeng, are you trying to kill me?"

Lingfeng laughed softly, "You won't die for sure. At most I only want you to suffer some agonizing pain."

Lie Qing, Lele, Mei'Er and Yu'Er were all laughing jovially.

Lele said, "Sister Lingfeng, I want to try as well."

Lie Qing nodded as she smiled enchantingly, winking at Yi Ping to say. "Ping'Er, I still have not slapped you enough."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he recalled how he had become a punching bag by almost all the maidens just a day earlier when they had learnt that Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had dual celestial with him...

In the meantime Youxue and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were already counting the visible and invisible passages, "There! Here! And there!"

They soon broke into a smile as they said at the same time to everyone, "We have found a twelfth passage. So do we want to check it out?"

Yi Ping immediately said, "Let's go!"

And they were soon entered another imposing passage and it soon led into a cavern with steep cliffs, forcing them to walk cautiously along the ledge!

Yi Ping took the lead with Youxue, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Yixian and Lingfeng.

He said warily as strong icy winds began to pick up force along the ledge, "Be careful."

Youxue pointed to the dim light ahead, "There is an exit over there. Let's head for it but it doesn't seem to be a straight path."

The Goddess Isa said from behind, "I hope that it will be a combat trial. I am eager to smack something."

The Goddess Celestial Alice muttered, "Be careful of what you are wishing for. Any combat trial above the 70th floor is not easy."

The little golden cub in her arms seemed to howl in agreement as well.

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, "So you agree with me too?"

The Goddess of Mercy said coolly, "We are at our full strength now. What can go wrong?"

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, Skylord Jun, the Immortal Saint of Swords and many others secretly smiled bitterly as they thought, "Easy for you to say so..."

It was because the Goddess of Mercy was at the Sixth Immortal Positioning. If anyone would to perish first, it would be those that were weaker than her!

Yi Ping was paying attention to his steps. Not only was this passage was dark, it was also winding. The dim light ahead disappeared and reappeared again as they made new turns. They really had no idea how long is this passage.

Yixian said gently, "Ping'Er, wait."

At the same time, the Goddess Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had also called out, "There is a celestial formation ahead of us."

Everyone stopped in their tracks as they looked at their surroundings keenly.

Yi Ping asked, "What type of celestial formation is waiting for us?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "We will only know if we are in it but by then, it will be too late."

Yi Ping said, "If we turn back now, we will have lost a lot of time and the new path may not be easier. Shall we take our chances through this celestial formation?"

Lie Qing smiled, "I don't mind."

It was immediately echoed by the rest of the group!

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue asked, "Ping'Er, what do you think?"

Yi Ping smiled at her, "I think as long as it isn't like the one on the 60th floor, we will be fine..."

He paused to look at the rest of his group...

Lingfeng knew what was on his mind so she laughed alluringly, "You are worried about the amplifying power of the Stellar Sanctuary."

Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Ye Yin who could all sense the slightness change of emotions very well were all nodding as they glance at each other with split second to show their knowing.

It seemed that the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin was already friends with the Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu'Er and the Axis Heaven Goddess Mei'Er now!

The Goddess Celestial Alice, Yixian and Lie Qing were aware of their subtle exchanges but they showed no sign that they were aware of it and their expressions were as composed as ever.

Yixian was glad that Yu'Er and Mei'Er had found another friend as she

thought, "Maiden Ye Yin has a good heart. With her potential, she can surely attain to a much higher level in the future."

Lie Qing was smiling enchanting as she eyed Yi Ping all the time. Nothing else mattered to her anymore!

Yi Ping was aware of that and he could sense the strong affections that were from her growing day by day. He felt guilty towards her and he began to secretly sigh in his heart, "Why must we embark on this path of divinity? If we are normal mortals then we may all enjoy a blissful life together. But it is no longer possible now..."

He secretly looked at Yixian, Alice, Youxue, Lele, Asura, Isa, Lingfeng and Aiel who were all smiling and chatting jovially with each other...

Yunzi asked, "Ping'Er? Are you alright?"

Lingfeng giggled, "He is always alright. Don't worry about him. He needs some kicking and slapping to wake up!"

Yi Ping was suddenly sober as he smiled weakly, "We will continue our way then."

And he was spirited as he started to start broad strides ahead!

Lingfeng whispered to the rest behind his back, "Look at him! He is immediately energized now. He is just a brute with no brains."

Immediately the group was laughing behind him!

Yi Ping turned around as he rubbed his nose, "And whose idea is this? It is the Heaveness..."

Lingfeng raised her eyes to stare at him, "You! Don't putting words into my words!"

Yi Ping smiled as he turned around quickly and hastened his steps because he could see Lingfeng marching towards him!

Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa were watching Yi Ping quietly. It was because they had learnt more about him in one day after they had dual celestial with him than the entire time that they were with him!



They had come to realize that Yi Ping sincerely wanted to protect each and every one in his heart. It was because all these maidens had all occupied an important place in his heart. In many of his battles, they had either helped him or saved him all too many times. He knew that he was powerless to change the order of the fraternity all by himself and he was extremely grateful to all the friends that had aided him.

Was Yi Ping a lecherous man?

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had thought so. But she soon realized she had erred. Through the link with Yixian and Yi Ping, she was soon aware that Yi Ping was plagued by the heavy burden of the heart; he really wished that he could protect them or spend time with everyone but he was afraid he would affect their divine practice.

For the first time the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa wished that she had been released from her seal earlier and got to know him even earlier. It was because he was unlike the aloof Great God Pangu that she had known...

“Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa?” It was Yi Si. She had approached with the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and they were smiling to her.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa blinked her eyes, “Yes?”

Yi Si said shyly, “Big Sister. Or shall I call you my...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly, “You can still address me as your Big Sister. We can still be the same as before.”

Yi Si leapt forward to hug her as she exclaimed with delight, “Big Sister!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa patted her, “Good girl!”

Lele folded her arms as she said coldly, “So you have forgotten about your mother?”

Yi Si laughed softly, “Mother, surely you are not so petty. How can your dear Yi Si forgets about you? I think that mother is the one that has forgotten about me!”

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel were all giggling!

Lele coolly stroked her long braided hair as she blinked her eyes to ponder, "Oh really?"

Lie Qing shook her head, "Sometimes I really think that you have forgotten about Sister Xian'Er and I as well."

Lele replied unhappily, "Sister Luminous Star Qing'Er, I can't believe that you will say that. Have you forgotten that I am the one that tries to remind you who you are? And who Sister Revelation Star Xian'Er really is?"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "I have never believed in that, you know."

Lele muttered something incoherently...

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled teasingly, "It seems that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has changed quite a bit ever since she has become a consort to this Yi Ping."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa showed off a shy demeanor, "It is not true at all. Actually he is just my plaything."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess almost choked when she heard that and so did many of the group!

Even though Yi Ping was in front of the group, he stumbled almost immediately when he had heard the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa calling him her "plaything"!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately said to him via their dual celestial whisperer, "Don't be afraid. You are my plaything."

Yixian had heard it and she was smiling weakly. She quickly whispered via their dual celestial whisperer, "I don't think that is a good thing to call Ping'Er your plaything. He is our lord now..."

Yi Ping was also secretly whispering, "What a thing to say..."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sighed softly to them, "That is just a little joke. Can't the two of you loosen up a little?"

Yi Ping and Yixian immediately stole a glance at each other, expressing surprise that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was actually exchanging jokes with everyone!

It seemed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was now enjoying the new attention that she was getting from everyone!

Yi Ping thought secretly to himself, “And it seems that the joke is at my own expense...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess sighed softly as she said to the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “I wish that the Ancient Heavenly Sage King is my plaything too. He is always so cold towards me.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately replied, “Good sister, I will help you to make that whatever Ancient Heavenly Sage King your plaything. I promise you!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, “Really?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, “I am after all a Great Goddess. Do you think a Great Goddess will not keep her pledge? Even if you want the entire heavens, I can give it to you!”

Yi Ping shivered when he had heard that and he immediately felt pitiful for that Ancient Heavenly Sage King as he turned around to smile bitterly, “Lady Nuwa, I think that you have better restraint yourself or you will let slip of your tongue.”

This time it was the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa who looked a little embarrassed when she realized that she was talking too much in her jovial mood!

The Universal Old Man was muttering incoherently to himself, “I don’t mind being their playthings at all...”

Yi Ping was so distracted by the group that was behind him that he was not focusing on the path ahead and he soon realized that they were surrounded by hot vapors all around him!

And these hot vapors had quickly turned to walls of fires that were

spreading all over as the entire passage seemed to have disappeared!

Yi Ping became solemn as he looked at the walls of flames all around them, "It appears that we are now inside a formation."

Yixian nodded cautiously as she looked intently at the walls of fires and smokes, "And it seems that we are in a fire element formation."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly, "Watch out for your steps or we will be roasted alive. These are the purgatory fires and it will never cease burning."

The Goddess Aiel said, "I have a really bad feeling now..."

Han Lin had also turned solemn, "Is this the Divine Purgatory Fire Formation?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled weakly, "Indeed."

Yi Ping could feel the burning heat of the purgatory fires as he looked for a way out of this formation.

And the burning temperature was rising all the time!

This burning heat was enough to render a normal person unconscious in a short time!

Lie Qing displayed a brilliant flash of sword energy into a wall of fire but it was quickly consumed by it!

She smiled weakly, "I think we are trapped now..."

Lele asked, "So do any of the mighty goddesses know how to get out of this formation?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Yixian, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess of Mercy, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura and Skylord Jun were all looking at each other for an answer.

The Skylord Jun asked, "So do we have anyone that has the knowledge to overcome this formation?"

The Goddess Isa smiled weakly, "The last formation that I want to

practice with was the fire formation.”

The Goddess of Mercy fanned herself with her sleeves as she broke into beads of perspirations, “My weakest formation is the fire formation, most unfortunately.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa muttered, “Why do you think that I am trapped in a formation for so long?”

The Universal Old Man was looking secretly at the Goddess Aiel and several of the maidens as he muttered, “I don’t mind being trapped here...”

The Goddess Aiel was sweating profusely and her thinly veiled translucent clothing was giving him a good eye view...

Lingfeng gave the Universal Old Man a distrustful eye as she said, “You can stay here if you like but we are leaving here.”

The Universal Old Man tried to laugh it off, “I am just trying to get to know this wondrous formation.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess asked, “So none of us have any idea?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa asked her, “You don’t have any idea either?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess blinked at her, “I am asking, ain’t I? Aren’t you a Great Goddess?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled weakly, “I guess that we are all in trouble then?”

Youxue asked coolly, “Why are all of you perspiring? Is the fire very hot?”

It was only then that everyone had noticed that Youxue was not affected by the extreme heat of the formation as much as the others.

Even Yi Ping, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Celestial Fairy Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa who were all eighth positioning

ranking immortal practitioners could feel the scorching heat of the fires around them!

Yi Ping looked at Youxue, "Xue'Er, you don't feel the heat?"

Youxue smiled weakly, "I can see the fires but I don't feel that it is hot at all."

Yi Ping asked curiously, "Why is that so?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled all of a sudden, "I know why."

Yi Ping asked, "You know why?"

Youxue asked curiously as well, "Yes?"

The rest of the group was all curious as well!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa answered, "She has inherited the essence of the Divine Nine Cauldron and has mastered the Divine Icefire Skill. That is why. It takes more than this little fire to even burn her."

Shen Xingyue smiled coolly, "Is that so?"

Youxue smiled, "Good sister, you don't seem to be affected too?"

Shen Xingyue raised her Blue Heavens Divine Sword, "I can feel an emanating coolness from my divine sword...it seems to be protecting me..."

The Immortal Saint of Swords said excitedly, "That must be the sanctorum power of the Blue Heavens! The Blue Heavens is created in the coldest reaches of the misty heavens."

Shen Xingyue replied coolly, "Is that so?"

The Immortal Saint of Swords smiled wearily, "You don't feel excited that the Blue Heavens has such an innate power?"

Lele muttered as she looked at her Divine Echo and stole a look at Yunzi, "Ping'Er has given us the Sanctorum Relic as well. But I don't feel anything differently with my divine sword..."

Yunzi smiled, "It takes time to awaken the sanctorum power of your divine sword. Soon you will realize the full awakening of your divine

sword.”

Lele asked, “Sister Yunzi, what is your divine sword’s sanctorum power then?”

Yunzi smiled, “I don’t know yet.”

Lele replied softly, “Oh?”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “Xing’Er, why you are not feeling...glad?”

He paused to find words for it when he had suddenly realized that Xingyue had always kept her emotions in check.

Shen Xingyue smiled gently as she gave him a playful wink, “Why should I feel anything?”

Yi Ping was startled because Xingyue was always serious. That sudden wink sent his heart pounding fast!

Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Ye Yin were all laughing jovially behind.

It seemed that Xingyue had been with them for too long and was affected by them!

Just as Yi Ping was about to ask further, Shen Xingyue looked gently to him as she said angelically. “Even though I am not so much affected by the heat but we are all still trapped in a dangerous formation. How can I be glad of anything? Unless we are out of here first, we must maintain our level headed.”

Yi Ping smiled, “Xing’Er, well-said! We should find our way out first!”

The Lord Supreme roared with laughter, “That is right. That is the way the Supreme Celestials of the Holy Ascension Sect are all expected to be.”

Shen Xingyue raised her hands to bow respectfully, “The Fiery Phoenix does not deserve such an undeserving praise!”

The Lord Supreme quickly said solemnly, “Xingyue. Your attainment now has surpassed me. Do you remember the rule of the Holy Ascension Sect? The one with the highest divinity should lead the sect. I have been thinking of handing over the Holy Ascension Sect to you...”

Xingyue was startled as she swept her glances at Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Ye Yin, "I am the most junior. I do not deserve it. The Ascension Goddess will be better in upholding the reputes of the Holy Ascension Sect and she has the respect of all the practitioners of the sect!"

Ye Yin smiled as she tapped her foot gently, "Sister Xingyue, just accept it. I have too much blood in my hands and my haughty brashness has offended many in the Holy Ascension Sect..."

Xingyue folded her arms into an embrace as she interrupted coolly, "I refuse to!"

The Lord Supreme and Ye Yin were startled.

Xingyue continued before they or any others could ask her for the reason, "That is because I am going to the Immortal Realm next. Even if I can't go to the Immortal Realm after this, I will continue to cultivate hard. Even if it takes me a thousand years to do so, my mind will not falter!"

She looked at Yi Ping with a melancholy look, "If we don't perish here then you will surely be elevated to the Immortal Realm. We have come this far to be together and yet we are going to be separated again. This is not the result that I am looking for!"

Y Ping sighed softly as he trembled lightly, "Either is this the result that I am looking for too..."

Lie Qing sighed softly as she muttered, "Same here too. It seems that only Lele, Youxue and Sister Xian'Er will be accompanying Ping'Er to the Immortal Realm, leaving the rest of us here..."

Yi Ping said with trembling voice, "Qing'Er, now that you are an immortal practitioner. It will only be a matter of time before you are able to transcend to the Immortal Realm. No matter how long it takes, we will surely be together again. I will surely wait for you and will always have you in my heart!"

Lie Qing lowered her glances as she whispered melancholy, "Is that so... I hope so..."



Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yunzi, Han Lin and Lingfeng were all trembling lightly. It was because Lie Qing had spoken what was in their minds!

Han Lin muttered, "Mistress you are going to leave me alone, am I right? And Yi Ping also..."

The Goddess Aiel heaved a soft sigh, "Han Lin..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice said coolly, "What are you all afraid of? Don't look at me like this. I know that it is easier to say that as an Immortal but your temporary sufferings are nothing in comparison to the Goddess Isa and even the Great Goddess Fantian."

All of a sudden Yi Ping asked, "Do you feel there is a soft wind here?"

Ye Yin almost jumped out as she pointed with her finger, "And it is a cool air. Over there!"

Lingfeng said immediately, "If there is wind then there must be an exit! Let's go!"

The Universal Old Man seemed to be a little disappointed...

The Goddess Celestial Alice and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa exchanged a strange look with each other...

# Chapter 206: The Infernal Demon Beast

Ye Yin and Yi Ping had quickly followed the sniff of cool air until they had reached a burning cavern.

The air was thick with fumes and it was suffocating.

Yi Ping was sweating heavily and he was feeling the burning pressure of the burning formation. He had become solemn, "Are we reaching the end soon? The intensity of this formation seems to be increasing rather than lessening!"

Even Ye Yin had lost her earlier conviction, "I don't know..."

Yi Ping had turned around to look at the rest of the groups. Half of them were now struggling to walk weakly.

Yixian, Youxue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had displayed the Divine Emerald Skill as they kept the burning flames from scorching the rest of the group.

The group was struggling to resist the suffocating heat of the fires with their internal strength with varying degree of success. The ones with weaker internal strength would sweat more.

At this moment even though Yi Ping was sweating profusely, his breathing was normal and he was as alert as ever!

Lingfeng cast him a miserable look, "Why is that you don't seem to be affected much, am I right?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Who says so?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, "At least you are faring better than most of us. If I am not wrong, the kirin blood in his veins has rendered him better in resisting the heat than many of us."

Lingfeng asked her, "Then what about you? You are barely sweating at all."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly, "You have no idea how miserable I am feeling now."

The rest of the group was quiet. It was because their entire focus on the

circulation of their internal energies channels to resist the fiery and suffocating flames of the Divine Purgatory Fire Formation!

Yixian said, "Ping'Er, I think we are reaching the epicenter of the formation now. I am sensing a strong killing emanation that is coming from that cave."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled wryly, "It seems that this cool air is nothing but a ruse to lure us and is generated when the inner formation began to move. Everyone be careful. The epicenter of the formation is the most formidable and also the most dangerous."

Ye Yin cursed softly, "I am sorry! It is all my fault..."

Yi Ping said gently, "Ye Yin. Don't take it too hard. All of us have no idea either."

Xingyue nodded, "That is right. None of us know better so don't take it to heart. Ping'Er, shall we turn back now?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "It is too late now. We are completely surrounded by the fires now except for this cave..."

Indeed the purgatory fires were now blazing all around them!

Youxue smiled as she raised her divine sword in a brilliant flash as she slashed to and fro against the purgatory fires. Immediately the fires began to extinguish!

Everyone was startled!

Yi Ping was startled, "Xue'Er, you can extinguish the fire?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa exclaimed with a hopeful look, "It seems that her Divine Nine Cauldron Sword is able to extinguish even the purgatory fires."

Youxue nodded, "It appears to be the case. I am just experimenting. If the Divine Icefire Skill is able to render myself invulnerability to the purgatory fire then I suspect that the Divine Nine Cauldron of which my divine skill is originated may be able to contain the purgatory fires. It seems that I am not wrong."

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, "Right. It is after all an immortal artefact from the chaotic desolate era. While I don't expect the purgatory fire to affect it but I didn't know that it is able to contain the purgatory fire."

Lingfeng smiled, "Then let's hurry and get out of here!"

Yi Ping said, "Wait Lingfeng. Why don't we barge into this cave?"

Lingfeng looked at him with a reprimand look, "Did the heat make you crazy?"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "There are two ways for us to escape from this formation. One is to find a way out while the second way is to destroy the epicenter of the formation itself. We are so close now to the epicenter now. Why don't we destroy the epicenter of the formation and in no time we will be out of here?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed jovially, "That is what I am thinking too. So let's barge into that cave!"

Lingfeng panicked said, "Wait a minute. What will be in that cave?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa pondered briefly before she smiled, "It is an Infernal Demon Beast."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled weakly, "What do you mean by that it is just an Infernal Demon Beast? I don't want to mess with that thing!"

Just as Yi Ping wanted to ask for the description of the infernal demon beast, the fire began to burn with increasing fury!

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled weakly, "It is too late now. It has come!"

Indeed a blazing fireball had burst forth from the cave and exploded in front of them!

Yi Ping quickly unsheathed his Fantian Sovereign Sword and the Celestial Alice Divine Sword as he parried the exploding fireballs hastily!

The Celestial Fairy Yixian quickly displayed the Eternal Heavenly Tears

with her Divine Emerald Force via the Absolute Defense as she sent the flying fireballs away from the group!

A gigantic fire salamander had emerged from the fire and ashes; its presence was towering and terrifying!

No sooner did it appear, it began an earthshattering roar as it sent dozens of fireballs to spin from its mouth in all directions with maddening speed!

Yu'Er and Mei'Er immediately raised their divine swords to display the Divine Emerald Force to dissipate the fireballs!

The Lord Supreme raised his fingers to dissipate a fireball with his martial force while the Immortal Saint of Swords displayed his white and black swords!

Immediately the Lord Supreme turned ashen as he coughed out a bout of blood!

The Universal Old Man exploded a fireball with his Ultrapowerful Force as he stumbled a few steps back with startled shock, "It is...formidable..."

The Skylord Jun punched a fireball away from the Universal Old Man as he said solemnly, "That is right. Brother, it is dangerous to even touch these fireballs. The Infernal Demon Beast is enveloped by an aura of demonic Fire and these fireballs are the very essence of its demonic fires. It is far stronger than the purgatory fires that are here!"

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue had immediately raised her Blue Heavens with lightning speed as she flashed through the bursting fire blitzes as she mustered her Divine Rejuvenation Force, dissipating fireballs after fireballs!

She thought, "My sword is able to parry these demonic fireballs so effortlessly? Or rather, it is absorbing these demonic fireballs?"

Youxue raised her sword with her Divine Emerald Force and exploded a chain of fireballs that had descended onto her, saving Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel!

Han Lin gasped weakly, “Thank you...”

The Goddess Aiel coughed weakly, “I can’t see properly with these fumes all around me...”

Han Lin collapsed on her, “Mistress...you are an immortal...you suppose to use your senses...”

The Goddess Aiel smiled weakly, “Han Lin. Do you know that when the body is weak, it will also affect your senses?”

Han Lin coughed softly, “Mistress, no wonder our Celestial Aiel Sect is so weak...”

The Goddess Aiel said exasperatingly, “What do you mean?”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “Because our great leader here is always so weak...”

The Goddess Asura raised her staff protectively over Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel as she said solemnly, “This is not the time to joke around. We have got a formidable opponent to fight now!”

Yunzi had raised the White Phoenix Divine Sword and displaying it into a flying sword as it burst through several chains of fireballs and her sword had pierced through the forehead of the Infernal Demon Beast, sending it into an enraging howl that stirred up the fumes and fires around them with an even greater fury!

Lie Qing had displayed twelve hovering blue wisps around her and raising the sword energy level of her Eternal Light Divine Sword as she stood coolly onto the ground, withstanding one explosive fireball after another!

Yi Si called out panicky behind her, “Aunt Lie Qing!”

Lele halted her, “She will be alright. We will be safe behind her.”

Yi Si gasped, “But...you are not helping her?”

Lele smiled as she fingered with her long black scythe and the Divine Echo Divine Sword, “Young lass. No but. Just watch. Lie Qing is more formidable than your father. She just did not want to display her true

martial level. Have you seen her Twelfth Level of her Invincible Divine Force? Here is your chance. ”

Yi Si smiled weakly as she looked at her mother as she thought, “My mother calling me a young lass when she don’t look much older than me. It is hard to believe when Grandpa had told me that my mother is actually four centuries old...”

She looked at the iron grip of her mother’s long black scythe and at her divine sword. She knew that the weapons that were in her mother’s hands were extremely heavy. Her grandpa had told her that Lele’s specialty was her dual swords and that her long black scythe was made of black celestium metal and contained two curved swords. It was several times heavier than steel and only a highly accomplished internal strength practitioner could wield that long scythe.

This was confirmed by her father who had told her that his dual wielding skill was actually taught by Lele and Yunzi at the same time when they were alone in a valley.

Lele had also never stopped training her formidable Celestial Force for a single day!

Yi Si knew that her mother’s Celestial Force was formidable because the first thing that Lele had requested from her daughter was to test her martial skills!

She was expecting her mother to praise her but instead she got a rebukes, “Too weak and you need more guile.”

These few days, she must admit that she certainly learnt more techniques and strokes than in her entire lifetime!

Lie Qing had suddenly turned around to smile at her, stroking her long braided hair as she laughed mesmerizing. “I have thought that these fireballs will be painful. If I know that these fireballs will be so weak, I will not display the full martial level of my Invincible Divine Force.”

Yi Si muttered, “Aunt Lie Qing, you are so formidable...”

Lele raised her hands to dissipate one fireball with her Celestial Force

as she smiled, "That is nothing. Our Celestial Force is certainly better than her Invincible Divine Force. After all, I can ascend as an Immortal and she can't."

Lie Qing growled, "Sister, are you trying to pick a fight with me?"

Yi Si panicky said, "Please don't fight over such little things..."

Another heavenly figure flashed next to her. It was the Celestial Fairy Yixian. She said gently to her, "Yi Si, don't worry. They will be alright."

Lie Qing smiled, "Sister Xian'Er! How times flies! I still remember that time when Lele, Youxue, You and I have fought in the Tranquil Sect and cause the entire building to collapse!"

Yixian smiled, "I remember it. That is fun."

Lie Qing laughed softly, "I wonder what will happen if we fight for real?"

Lele laughed jovially, "Count me in. Anyone that ain't fighting for real is a tortoise then!"

Yi Si stared at them with stunned expression...

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin evaded the fireballs effortlessly as she cursed softly, "No chatting in the middle of a serious fight or you will surely get yourself killed!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had jumped next to the Infernal Demon Beast as she raised her fingers to smack it hard with an explosive impact!

She laughed, "I am the second to hit it..."

Yunzi cried out, "Now the chance!"

Yi Ping had raised his entire martial strength to the Eighth Positioning as he displayed dozens of explosive ambidextrous strokes on the infernal Demon Beast!

Even though the fiery hide of the Infernal Demon Beast was as hard as steel but the full throttle attacks that were afflicted by Yi Ping caused it



to howl aloud in pain!

At the same time the rest of the group had all displayed their finest attacks as they surrounded the Infernal Demon Beast in the next split second!

As Yi Ping stumbled backward, he had merged the Fantian Sovereign Sword with the two Celestial Alices, immediate the newly merged divine swords seemed to double in length!

Lele gasped, “Ping’Er, you can merge your Fantian Sovereign Sword with the Celestial Alice?!”

There were several mutterings from the group!

Yi Ping thought to himself, “The last time that I have displayed the new merging of the Fantian Sovereign Sword with the Celestial Alice was against the Guardian Divine Naga. But before I could know the full awakening of my divine swords as one, I was knocked out by the Guardian Divine Naga. This time round, I can finally test my divine swords to the fullness...”

Just as he had taken a vital breath to circulate his entire martial power, the Infernal Demon Beast was completely annihilated by the combined attacks of the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess!

And almost immediately the fiery fires around them began to die down!

The Goddess Aiel gasped, “Wow. We have won? Just like this?”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said, “I have expected that this Infernal Demon Beast to be much tougher than this. Alas, maybe it is tough when I was still in the Seventh Immortal Positioning but now I am now at the Eighth Immortal Positioning...”

Xingyue smiled angelically, “I have expected a much tougher fight than this too.”

The Universal Old Man heaved a soft sigh of relief, “Luckily it is done

over quickly...”

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords nodded wearily, “Indeed...”

Mei’Er laughed jovially, “I almost got fried...”

Lingfeng said coolly as she stole a glance at Yi Ping, “It seems that someone here isn’t too happy about it.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I am not. It is just that I did not expect the fight to end so soon...”

Lingfeng laughed softly, “Look at your disappointed face. You seem to be eager to show off something.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess who had all displayed the Seventh or the Eighth Immortal Ranking...

Yixian who can read his heart nodded gently, “It does seem that our group is a little overkill now...”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang smiled, “That is right. Overkill. Probably the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa alone is sufficient. Look at the way she smacked that Infernal Demon Beast on its face. I can’t even cause that monster to flinch a bit.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa looked a little sheepish, “I can sense that someone wants to protect all of you. This is the first time that I seem to enjoy a battle so much. You know. Unless it is necessary, I can’t be bothered with using my full strength.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly when he remembered how the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had killed an impossible to kill Heavenly King with just a single hit.

The fires had suddenly vanished and a shimmering blue portal had appeared!

Lingfeng gasped, “The next exit has appeared!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded, "It seems that destroying the epicenter of this formation has deemed us worthy to go to the next level. What a stroke of luck!"

All of a sudden there was a rumbling in the air as a scarlet orb had suddenly sprung forth from the ashes of the dead Infernal Demon Beast and it was spinning in mid-air!

This spinning orb was spinning furiously and it appeared that it was ten times hotter than even the Infernal Demon Beast!

Yi Ping gasped aloud, "What is that?!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa gasped, "That is the Infernal Orb! Only in extremely circumstances can it appear. Probably one in a million chances and there aren't so many Infernal Demon Beasts in the first place. Whoever can seize this Infernal Orb will be able to gain a thousand years of attainment to ascend to the Immortal Realm straight away!"

Everyone was gasping!

Yunzi asked, "So what happens if an Immortal gets it?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, "If I can get it, then maybe I may even reach the Ninth Immortal Positioning and will be invincible! Or even ascend to the Great Beyond!"

The Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Lord Supreme, Han Lin, the Goddess Aiel and many others were now looking at this Infernal Orb!

But no one dare to make a move!

Yi Ping looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Yixian, "So I guess the question is who will be the one that get it?"

Yunzi said, "I don't believe that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa isn't tempted by it. But why is that all the immortals here did not seem to be moved by such a great treasure?"

Skylord Jun smiled weakly, "That is because you have only heard of the

beneficial effects and not the bad effects. None of us here have any confident of absorbing this Infernal Orb. If we fail to absorb this Infernal Orb then we will surely turn to ash. This is too huge a risk to take.”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang replied, “Indeed. Whatever it is, we have to leave it here. Let the foolish one take it instead...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded, “Indeed. Temptation is also part of the trial. We should simply ignore it. There are many who believe that they can take this power and live. Pride comes before the fall. Let the wise be wary.”

All of a sudden everyone turned ashen as the Infernal Orb flew with startling speed towards Xingyue!

The Fiery Phoenix Xingyue was startled but that did not affect her reflexes as she raised her Blue Heavens instantly to block the incoming Infernal Orb!

But to her stunned shock, the Infernal Orb flew straight into her body, seemingly not affected by any energy force or physical obstacles!

Yi Ping was shocked as he shouted panicky, “Xing’Er!”

Xingyue coughed out a bout of blood as she stumbled backward slightly!

She quickly exercised her strength with her Divine Rejuvenate Force but found a countering force that was convulsing within her!

She thought panicky as she coughed blood again, “What is happening...”

“Xingyue!” Everyone was calling her name!

Yi Ping was about to step forward to assist Xingyue when the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa stepped in to stop him, “Yi Ping, please step aside first.”

Ye Yin gasped aloud but just as she was about to assist her, the Goddess Aiel had stopped her immediately!

Aiel said, “Everyone step aside! She is afflicted by the Infernal Orb. None of you will be able to help her save for two.”

Yi Ping said panicky, "Which two?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa immediately exclaimed aloud, "Maiden Lie Qing and Maiden Lele, quickly exercise your Invincible Divine Force and the Celestial Force to help her to amalgamate the Infernal Orb or her life will be in mortal danger!"

Lie Qing gasped, "Me?"

Lele was equally startled, "I will be able to help her? If I can, I will surely help her."

The Goddess Aiel did not waste a moment notice and had immediately helped Xingyue to get into a meditating position before she inserted several long golden needles into her vital channels!

Her expressions were solemn; the transformation of the Goddess Aiel into an attentive and solemn lady startled many, including Yi Ping. When she was serious, this was her countenance!

Yi Ping was panicky and he had turned ashen!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said, "The Celestial Force is an internal art skill that can dissipate and absorb the forces while the Invincible Divine Force was an internal art skill that can bind the forces. If it is used at the same time, these two divine skills will be able to neutralize the Infernal Orb that is within Maiden Xingyue. However, this requires the perfect ordination of the two practitioners since these two divine skills are the nemesis of each other as well."

Lie Qing asked, "So what if we fail?"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa replied coolly, "All three of you will surely die!"

Yi Ping was stunned!

Lele smiled coolly as she had already stepped next to Xingyue and the Goddess Aiel, "So what are we waiting for?"

Lie Qing smiled wryly, "So you are challenging me?"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said weakly, "Why is that I am

sensing that they are not working with each other?”

Yixian smiled gently, “Not to worry. They are really close sisters. And they are bonded to each other. I have full faith in them.”

Lie Qing smiled as she raised her palm, “Lele, are you ready?”

Lele too had raised her palm, “Sister Qing, I am ready!”

The Goddess Aiel said quickly, “I will count to three. Lie Qing, you will position in front while Lele you will position yourself at the back. I will help to monitor the situation. Alright?!”

Lie Qing replied immediately, “Got it!”

Lele said quickly, “I am ready!”

All of a sudden the Skylord Jun said aloud, “Look! The exit is closing!”

Indeed the shimmering blue portal appeared to be shrinking!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said quietly, “If we miss this exit, we have to find another exit. This is going to be tough. And there is no telling that this attempt will be a success.”

All of a sudden the Goddess Aiel snapped, “Be quiet! If the exit is going to be closed so be it! Don’t disturb us now!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Asura and the Goddess Isa looked at each other; this was the first time that they had seen the Goddess Aiel ever losing her patience and throwing a temper!

Even Yi Ping was startled as he thought, “Is she the same Goddess Aiel that I know?”

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were also startled. It was because the Aiel that they had known was usually docile and could not throw her temper!

The Goddess Aiel had tapped Xingyue behind her neck to hold her upright as she said sharply, “One, two, three...”

# Chapter 207: Level 84th

Yi Ping and his group had passed through the shimmering portal in a nick of time!

As Xingyue was gathered into the shimmering portal, she heaved a soft sigh to the Goddess Aiel, Lie Qing and Lele before expressing her heartfelt gratitude, "Thank you!"

They had successfully neutralized the erratic energies that were within her and had amalgamated it into her Divine Rejuvenation Force!

Lele laughed softly, "This is nothing! We have made it through the exit! Now where are we?"

They were now in a place with lofty verdant mountains and cloudy skies!

As the Goddess Celestial Alice looked at the black monument Steele that was next to them, she smiled. "It seems that we are now on the 84th level."

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords slowly gasped with astonishment, "Can't believe that we have actually reached the 84th level..."

Their eyes were beaming with absolute delight!

Lingfeng folded her arms as she said coldly, "Don't be too happy yet. We are not done yet and the trials will get increasing difficult as we get to the top."

Yi Ping muttered, "True..."

But he had quickly reached out to Xingyue as he asked anxiously, "Xingyue, are you feeling alright?"

Xingyue nodded as she looked up to him, "Ping, I have thought that I would lose you..."

Yi Ping held onto her as he trembled, "Xing'Er..."

Lie Qing smiled, "Ping'Er, you ought to thank Aiel, Lele and I for that."

Am I not wrong to say so?"

Yi Ping's eyes had turned teary as he rubbed his nose, "You are not wrong. Aiel, Qing'Er and Lele, thank you so much!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Celestial Fairy Yixian were able to feel what Yi Ping was experiencing due to their dual celestial link with him, were moved in their hearts too...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa thought, "Did I become too sentimental of late? I am not like this in the past..."

Yixian may look expressionless but she was so moved that she was shuddering!

Lele laughed softly, "You little rascal. Do you think you should fall to your knees and thank us profusely? Only then it will show your sincerity!"

Yi Si was startled, "Dear mother! Isn't that too much to ask of Father?"

Yi Ping murmured, "I am thankful that I got such a sensible daughter..."

Lele laughed, "That is not the point. Don't distract me from my request. Are you going to fall on your knees or not?"

Yi Ping laughed all of a sudden as he gave Lele a playful look, "Of course I am not going to do it!"

Lele laughed, "Fine then I am not going to save your ass later!"

Yi Ping smiled, "Who will save whose ass, is still too early to say."

Lele shrugged her shoulder as she smiled secretly, "We will see!"

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin interrupted, "Lele, you already got your three minutes of fame. You can chat with Yi Ping when both of you are in the Immortal Realm. I am so sad. I am supposed to be the one that can dual celestial with Yi Ping..."

Yi Ping said, "Ye Yin..."

Xingyue sighed softly, "I thought that I am the center of attraction. But obviously not!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled as she said to her, "Do you



mind letting me have a feel of your pulse?”

Xingyue raised her hand as she smiled angelically, “Why not.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, “I am curious too...”

The Goddess Isa nodded, “Same here!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa carefully examined Xingyue’s pulses, “It is amazing that she has absorbed the Infernal Orb into her. Just the Celestial Force and the Invincible Divine Force aren’t enough...”

Xingyue smiled, “I have my Divine Rejuvenation Force to thank for.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “Is that so?”

Xingyue stole a glance at Yi Ping before she replied, “That is because I didn’t want to die yet. I can’t!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa too stole a glance at Yi Ping as she said quietly, “Your will is strong. Did I forget to tell you that you have only five percent chance of surviving?”

Everyone who immediately gasped aloud!

Xingyue was stunned, “What?!”

Yi Ping was so startled that he jumped out, “You didn’t say so earlier!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa replied coolly, “If I say that earlier, she probably only have one percent of surviving!”

Xingyue was trembling, “I don’t want to be alone...”

Yi Ping said quietly, “Xing’Er...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled, “But she did survive and she now has a thousand years of attainment now. In no time, you will surely transcend to the Immortal Realm and not even the Divine Wrath can harm you now.”

Xingyue was delighted, “I can ascend to the Immortal Realm too?!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa nodded, “Yes and surely. You can ask the rest of the immortals here. Not only that, you will be able to go to the

Ninth Heavens directly. Your Heaven Eyes has advanced to the Sixth Immortal Positioning now.”

Skylord Jun was dumbfounded. He was an immortal of the Fifth Immortal Ranking and it took him a long time to attain from the Forth to the Fifth Immortal Ranking!

Lele murmured, “That is not fair...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er immediately said at the same time, “Sister Xingyue is so fortunate!”

They were not envy at all but felt glad for her. In fact none of the maidens were envious at all and they had all felt the same!

Lele was being sarcastic as usual but the truth was she was glad for Xingyue as well!

Immediately Xingyue was surrounded by the rest the group as they were smiling and laughing together!

Han Lin laughed and then she took a look at the Goddess Aiel, “Mistress, you are so fierce earlier! Do you know?”

The Goddess Aiel was flushing as she dared not look at Yi Ping. She muttered, “Am I...alas...I...”

Yi Ping was thankful to the Goddess Aiel as he asked her gently, “Aiel, just now...”

The Goddess Aiel lowered her head as she bit her lips, “My entire image must be destroyed earlier. I am not ladylike at all...”

Yi Ping patted her on her shoulder, giving her a firm grip as he smiled. “Aiel, thank you very much! I am really impressed by you just now!”

The Goddess Aiel was startled, “Huh? You are? But I am so fierce and unladylike just now...”

Yi Ping continued to hold her shoulder, “No, you are not...”

He sighed softly, “You are the most lovable maiden. Not only in my eyes and in everyone’s eyes as well. Because you have already known that the

rate of success...”

Aiel lowered her head...

Yi Ping continued, “How could you not know? Your healing skills are superior than any of us. Naturally it won’t escape your notice. Because you are worried for Xing’Er, that is why you have felt a sense of urgency. So then, how would anyone blame you for that? Not only are you ladylike, you are the most lovable...”

The Goddess Aiel was flushing so obviously that she hung her head to let her hair covered her face loosely, “I...It is nothing! At least I am of some help!”

Han Lin laughed softly, “Mistress, why don’t you ask Master Yi Ping to give you something in return? Isn’t that what you always want?”

The Goddess Aiel flushed even more as she cursed softly, “I will get you for this later, Han Lin...”

Han Lin laughed, “You will feel shy to ask? This is a great moment to ask Master Yi Ping!”

The Goddess Aiel protested almost inaudible, “You...you are destroying my image...and reputation...”

Han Lin laughed, “Did I?”

Yi Ping was laughing too until he saw the funny expressions that were in Lingfeng’s eyes. So he asked, “Lingfeng, what is wrong?”

Lingfeng shrugged her shoulders, folded her arms and displayed a most lovely dovey expression as she swept her glances to everyone, “So Yi Ping is saying I am not lovable? We are not lovable? Only the Goddess Aiel is the most lovable then?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I say that in a moment of...”

All of a sudden he froze; it was because he had noticed that all the other maidens except for Han Lin, Aiel, Xingyue and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess were all looking coldly at him!

Mei’Er displayed a sadden look as she said, “I am not lovable?”

The rest of the maidens who were looking coldly at Yi Ping were all muttering, “So I am not lovable? So Aiel is the most lovable. Indeed! How could you!...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice said coldly, “So the Great God Pangu only likes lovable maiden like the Goddess Aiel?”

Yi Ping immediately protested and he was flushing hotly, “That is not what I mean! All of you...”

The Goddess Aiel turned around shyly, not daring to face anyone as she muttered incoherently. “You are all bullies and picking on me! How...can you all be...so mean!”

Immediately the entire group was laughing jovially!

Han Lin laughed softly, “Mistress, that is because they all like you!”

The Universal Old Man was muttering, “Maybe I should give myself a second chance by offering myself to Aiel...”

The Lord Supreme smiled weakly as he whispered to him, “Give it up. You have no chance. We all regret giving up Aiel for our cultivation.”

The Immortal Saint of Swords was also sighing, “I used to think that my entire world is centered on my self-cultivation. Maybe I am wrong now...”

Skylord Jun whispered, “Our Brother Yi Ping here does not seek cultivation. He is only here because he wants to protect them...”

He looked at Lingfeng as he thought, “She is the Heaveness? Yi Ping says that he is here in the Stellar Sanctuary to find a solution to aid her to overcome her Divine Calamities. But why is that I find her so vaguely familiar?...”

All of a sudden Han Lin gasped aloud as her Green Dragon Sacred Sword flew out of her hands and disappeared into the woods ahead!

Everyone was also startled as they gasped!

Yi Ping asked, “What is going on?!”

It was because he had suddenly noticed that the Goddess Celestial

Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess of Mercy, the Goddess Aiel and even the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had turned ashen!

Yunzi asked anxiously, "What is going on?"

Lingfeng looked at their expressions, "What is wrong?"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice as she muttered, "For the Green Dragon Sacred Sword to fly off like this will only mean one thing. The Jade Emperor, he is on the same level as us. Only the true master of the Green Dragon Sacred Sword will be able to cause it to fly back..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice was shaking, "We are going to face the Jade Emperor soon..."

Lele said coldly, "What is wrong with all of you? Grandpa won't eat you. Come. Let's go and look for him now!"

Yi Si was startled as she looked at them bewilderedly. She was thinking, "Why are they looking like this as though they are afraid of facing grandpa?"

Yi Ping said as he looked at Yixian and Nuwa, "Did you sense it too?"

Yixian nodded, "It seems that there is a fight ahead. Let's us take a look!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa furrowed her brows, "Indeed there is a fight ahead. But as for this Jade Emperor..."

Yi Ping had already sped ahead of them!

Yi Ping, Yixian and Nuwa were the only ones that were in the Eighth Immortal Positioning. Therefore their sensory and perception were at paranormal levels!

# Chapter 208: The Peace before the Storm

Yi Ping thought, "It is all quiet now?"

He immediately adjusted his direction and sped up to a mountain ledge so that he could have a bird eye view of his immediately vicinity and was startled to see a gigantic monument of a monk that was craved into the mountains!

His body shuddered a little and he was in awe. It was because this gigantic monument was as gigantic as the mountains!

Between its toes, there was a gigantic entrance!

The disturbances seemed to be coming from the gigantic monument!

His first thought was, "Who will craft something like this? It will take thousands of years!"

But after he had calmed down, he rubbed his nose and thought. "Alas! I am so silly. We are inside the Stellar Sanctuary. Everything is entirely possible here..."

"It is beautiful, isn't it?" A soft alluring voice whispered gently behind him.

It was Lingfeng.

Yi Ping smiled without turning back, "Yes, it is beautiful!"

Without turning back, he knew that Lingfeng, Yixian, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura, Xingyue, Ye Yin, Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Youxue, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess had all caught up with him and were all standing quietly behind him.

The Goddess Celestial Alice said quietly, "It is beautiful but I have an uneasy about this. It seems that it is where the Green Dragon Sacred Sword has disappeared into now."

Yi Ping nodded as he turned around. He was just in time to see the rest of the group catching up with them!

The Universal Old Man panted heavily, "Ping'Er, your swift movement seems to have picked up considerably lately but running has never been my forte..."

The Goddess Aiel commented sarcastically, "With your pot belly, I doubt your running will ever improve!"

Lie Qing and Han Lin smiled weakly while Yunzi said gently, "He is better than many already..."

Skylord Jun smiled, "Indeed!"

All of a sudden the rest of the group caught the gigantic monument that could only be seemed at the overlaying ledge and they too, were awe by it!

The Immortal Saint of Swords gasped, "I have been in the Celestial Realm for so long and has never seen anything like this before!"

The Goddess Aiel said, "This is the monument statue of the Great God Pangu."

Yi Ping was startled, "It is?"

He began to stare at the round head and long ears before rubbing his nose, "I don't know what to say. The Great God Pangu is a monk?"

Lingfeng giggled, "I thought you want to say, he is not handsome as you thought."

Yi Ping laughed, "Only Yixian and Nuwa really know what the Great God Pangu looks like. Am I right?"

He glanced at Yixian and Nuwa with gentle eyes...

Yixian smiled, "What if I tell you that the Great God Pangu really looks like this?"

Yi Ping smiled, "I don't believe!"

Nuwa giggled, "Smart but how did you guess it?"

Yi Ping shrugged his shoulders, "I believe that the hallucination of the Great God Pangu at the 10th level depicts his true self than this monument here."

Yixian smiled, "I have almost forgotten about that. It seems that we can't fool you."

Nuwa groaned, "What hallucination? Come tell me."

Yi Ping smiled, "I will tell you some other time..."

The Lord Supreme said excitedly, "I know of a similar statue in the Great Wilderness too."

The Immortal Saint of Swords furrowed his brows and stared at him, "You know? Where?"

The Lord Supreme laughed, "Now that I have found the cultivation methods to advance as an immortal practitioner, I don't mind telling you. It is somewhere west of the Great Wilderness and I have long suspected that it is a gateway to the First Heavens!"

He started to look at the Goddess Celestial Alice and the other Immortals for a confirmation of his guess while asking, "That is just my guess but whether it is true or not, only they can tell me."

The Goddess Asura nodded, "Indeed. But unless the practitioners have undergone nine tribulations of Divine Calamity, they are unlikely to survive the attempt to the Monument of the Great God Pangu."

Lingfeng was gasping, "So a direct way to the Immortal Realm really exists in the Celestial Realm?! Then why are we here?"

The Goddess Isa smiled, "That is because you are supposed to go to the Great Wilderness to further your cultivation but most of you are only interested to stay in the comfort zone of the Celestial Realm while the rest who dare to venture to the Great Wilderness are too weak to survive for long there!"

She paused to smile at Yi Ping, "Except for the Dark Chaos Lord."

The Immortal Saint of Swords stared at the Lord Supreme, "You know and you didn't tell any of us?!"

The Lord Supreme hummed as he smiled bitterly, "I wish I know. I am doing my own investigations. Why did you think I have delegated the



leadership of the Holy Ascension Sect to the others for so long? If I really know, I will have already transcended to the First Heavens!"

Yu'Er immediately smiled gently to the Immortal Saint of Swords, "Father only resumes the leadership of the Holy Ascension Sect for the past one hundred years."

Mei'Er nodded, "That is right!"

The Lord Supreme sighed softly, "I only know that it is a dangerous place and I want to wait until I am ready. But at that time the Holy Ascension Sect is facing several crises after several of its leadership has all perished in the Stellar Sanctuary. So I have to put back my plans back to the Great Wilderness on hold."

The Goddess Isa smiled, "If you have succeeded then you will enter the Immortal Realm as an immortal of the forth positioning and he can even enter the Sixth Heavens."

The Lord Supreme was startled and so were the rest!

He asked, "But I have heard you said that there are millions of immortals in the Immortal Realm, especially between the First Heavens and the Third Heavens. Can a celestial advance as a high ranking immortal in the Immortal Realm at the very start?"

The Goddess Celestial Alice said as she nodded to the Goddess Asura and the Goddess Isa, "We shouldn't reveal Heavens' secrets to you. This is really for you to find out. The first is the last and the last is the first. There are no Divine Calamities in the Immortal Realm. Most Immortals are unable to advance and even if there are advancements, it is an extremely slow progress."

Skylord Jun sighed as it reminded him of the agonizing years that it had taken him to advance from the Forth Immortal Ranking to the Fifth Immortal Ranking, making him one of the most powerful Arhat Practitioners in the Immortal Realm, "Indeed!"

Alice continued, "The strong is always the strong, the weak is always the weak in the Immortal Realm."

The Goddess Aiel muttered, "It is easier for the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa and the Goddess Asura to say that. Their immortal rankings have started off as the Sixth Immortal Positioning, the same as the first generation Heavenly Kings and have now advanced to the Seventh Immortal Position!"

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled weakly, "Maybe I am the first of the Heavenly Kings to reach the Seventh Immortal Position. In all these years, most of us will probably never advance at all."

The Goddess Aiel sighed softly, "Poor me. The Fifth and the Sixth Immortal Positioning is like a dream for me. I really can't imagine how hard it is for me to reach the Seventh Positioning..."

She took a playful glance at Yi Ping before smiling, "And someone here has already reached the Eighth Immortal Positioning!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he rubbed his nose...

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, "And most of you here can probably defeat Aiel even if she is an immortal."

Aiel immediately said, "Don't remind me of that, Great Goddess..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled to the Celestial Fairy Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "With the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Goddess Nuwa here who are the true Great Goddesses, I dare not claim this title now."

Nuwa chuckled softly, "It is alright. You can be a Great Goddess. I am the Great Desolate Goddess anyway."

Yixian smiled gently, "I am sure that you will definitely be in the Eighth Immortal Positioning. Therefore the title of Great Goddess is yours sooner or later."

Alice smiled weakly, "I have only just advanced to the Seventh Positioning. To reach the Eighth Positioning, this will either take an impossible long time or not at all."

Yixian looked at Alice intently, "You have great wisdom and great faith.

You have restrained from temptations and have advanced to the Seventh Positioning through your own efforts. While miracle pills do exist but advancing your own attainment through these miracle pills will only slow down your next advancement by or stop your advancement. Perhaps slowing down is not the right word to use. Imagine slowing down your next advancement by ten times, hundred times or more! It is better not to depend on miracle pills to accomplish your next advancement unless you have really no other choice!”

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess Asura lowered their glances as they said at the same time, “I have long ago given up on furthering my divine practice...”

The Goddess Isa looked at the Goddess Asura, “I have long reached my advancement wall...”

The Goddess Asura sighed softly, “So did I...”

But she soon smiled when she looked at Yi Ping, “But someone here seems to be advancing rather quickly! Why is it so? Because he is the Great God Pangu?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I do not know...”

Yixian smiled, “But I do know. He has always restrained from taking these divine pills and saved it for all of us. He has never been tempted by these divine pills. In a way, this has the effect of raising his true state of divinity. Since his state of divinity has already advanced to the point of him attaining an entire new level when he does take the miracle pills, it has no effect on his future attainment. All the miracle pills did are just to push him along.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded as she looked warmly at Yi Ping, “Indeed. The state of divinity is more important than the level of cultivation...”

Yi Ping sighed softly, “I wish I can be stronger still...”

The Immortal Saint of Swords was pondering on the mysteries of the Immortal Realm and did not say a word but he was soon curious enough

to ask bluntly, “Since the Immortals of the Immortal Realm are powerful enough to descend to the Celestial Realm, why didn’t the Immortals reveal the Immortal Practice to us or show us the way to the Immortal Realm?”

Lingfeng, the Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man, many others and even Yi Ping was curious too!

Yi Ping asked as he looked at the immortals, “Why didn’t you? Maybe it will prevent more bloodshed in the Celestial Realm!”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang smiled as she looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “That is because we didn’t really want the Celestials to start ascending to the Immortal Realm and change the order of things. The only person that we are all waiting is only the Great God Pangu. The powerful Immortals are few and the ascend Celestials may number in the thousands or maybe more as time goes by!”

The Goddess Asura said quietly, “The number of Immortals in the Immortal Realm may number in the millions but these numbers are impossible to increase and will only decrease over time due to disaster. Moreover...”

She looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “One of the reasons why the Zen Practitioners and the Arhat Practitioners are fighting with each other is because we cannot agree on the new order. Alice wants to bring upon a new order but even among the Zen Practitioners, not many of the leaders agree with her.”

Alice nodded, “And even if we are able to descend to the Immortal Realm, there is a heavy price to be extracted.”

Skylord Jun sighed sadly, “I have to sacrifice my divine sword the Pinnacle of Stars to descend to the Celestial Realm...it has been with me since the beginning of time...”

Alice said quietly, “But I have always believed that the New Order cannot be halted. But because the Goddess Theocracy under my willful leadership wants to enact the will of the Great God Pangu, this has led to the loss of many lives in the Immortal Realm. That is why in the end, I

did not reveal the secrets of the Immortal Realm further. Also I, myself was being imprisoned in the Astronomic Stellar Formation.”

She took a look at Yi Ping as she smiled shyly...

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and Lingfeng were all looking at each other. They had remembered that it was the Sagess Ai whose identify was the Goddess Aiel; it was she who had guided them to the Celestial Realm.

Yi Ping said all of a sudden as he pointed at the peak in the distant, “Lingfeng, Yunzi, Youxue, Lele, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Yi Si, Han Lin, Aiel...can you please stay as far as possible. I will look for you after this. Alright?”

Lingfeng protested immediately, “What do you mean by you will look for us after this? You are not taking us with you? We have been together for so long!”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Lele, Youxue and Aiel were all protesting as well when they were startled by the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess of Mercy, the Celestial Fairy Yixian, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess who were all staring coldly at the rest of the group!

And they had all stood in positions next to Yi Ping!

It seemed that they had all conspired with Yi Ping from the very start!

Lele gasped, “Ping’Er, explain yourself! You are leaving us alone?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess interrupted coldly, “There is a battle between the Jade Emperor and the Heavenly Kings inside. If you go there with us, you will surely die. It is not a place for you. The lesser Heavenly Kings that you have encountered earlier are nothing compared to these Heavenly Kings that we are going to encounter inside. Do you get me?”

Immediately Skylord Jun, the Immortal Saint of Swords and the Lord Supreme began to shiver as they recalled how powerless they were up against one Western Paradise Heavenly King and he was just toying with them!

Yi Ping said quietly, "I will come back soon enough. So wait for me!"

Lele protested, "I don't want to!"

Yixian said gently, "Sister Lele, listen to us this time alright? You will only distract Ping'Er. Our opponents are ruthless and they will be able to hold you hostage with a single move. Then what do you think Ping'Er will do to save you? He will rather sacrifice himself than let you come to harm. So be good and waits for me, alright?"

Lele was beaming with tears. She turned around without saying a word and stormed off angrily!

Yu'Er and Mei'Er had stormed off at the same time too!

Lie Qing smiled mesmerizing, "I know that it is dangerous but I want to come too."

Yi Ping shook his head, "Qing'Er, I have faith in your skills but I fear our opponents more. I really have an uneasy feeling about this."

Lie Qing smiled wryly, "Alright then."

She turned around immediately and marched off toward Lele's direction!

Xingyue smiled, "Be careful then."

Ye Yin gave Yi Ping a devilish look, "You have better return alive or alive or I will never forgive you!"

Yunzi and Youxue gave Yi Ping a smile but said nothing...

Yi Si said, "Father, be careful!"

The Universal Old Man patted Yi Ping's on his shoulder, "Ping, just be careful. We will look forward to see you again!"

The Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords bowed with their hands, "Brother Yi Ping, we will await your return!"

Skylord Jun said, "I really wish that I will be able to join you, alas! But since you have already made up your own mind, I should not try to persuade you anymore. Good tidings!"

Yi Ping nodded as he raised his hands, "Farewell! Wait for me!"

Without saying a word more, he had jumped down to the valley below!

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled to the rest of the group, “Till we meet again!” With that, she had leapt down the valley!

“Farewell and till we meet again!” Yixian, Nuwa, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, Asura, Isa and Xiang bade their goodbyes and jumped down from the ledge to the valley below!

# Chapter 209: The Pangu Monument

Yi Ping, Yixian, Nuwa, Alice, Asura, Isa, Xiang and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess walked into the interior of the gigantic monument.

The interior was extremely cold and the ground was covered by semi permafrost.

The passage was wide enough for the eight of them to walk side by side but they had chosen to walk in a formation of three groups.

Yi Ping, the Celestial Fairy Yixian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa walked in front. They were the most powerful of the group and were of the Eighth Immortal Ranking. Therefore they were the vanguards!

The second group of three consisted of the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and the Goddess Asura.

The third group consisted of the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said, "We are inside the Pangu Monument. Be warned that our martial strength will not be able to utilize fully here."

Yi Ping turned ashen immediately as he muttered softly, "Isn't this like in the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation?"

Nuwa replied nonchalantly, "Indeed and can be even worse."

Yi Ping asked, "What do you mean?"

Nuwa smiled, "It seems that the others are aware of it too."

Yi Ping looked at Alice, Xiang, Isa, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and Asura, "What is it?"

Alice said coolly, "Indeed as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has mentioned, we are unable to fully utilize our martial strength here. Therefore we are unable to even use our most powerful techniques here and have to rely on our skills more. Unlike the Ten Thousands Celestial Formation where we can't regain back our strength, we can in this



place...”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh of relief, “If we can get back our strength then we can recover from our injuries. That’s good so it is not so bad...”

Alice smiled wryly, “However, the pain that we felt and the afflictions that we will receive will be manifold by ten times.”

Yi Ping turned ashen immediately!

Isa chipped in, “That is to say, we can’t afford to take any injuries or we will die instantly here.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said solemnly, “Our opponents are the Heavenly Kings and the Jade Emperor. In this place, they have better advantages than us.”

Yi Ping looked at Yixian and Nuwa as he asked, “What do you mean?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess shrugged her shoulders as she took a glance at Nuwa, “Stop looking at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa here. She won’t be of much help against the Heavenly Kings here.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I have thought that the Lady Nuwa is a Desolate Goddess and much feared.”

Nuwa gave Yi Ping a kick, just as Lingfeng would have done so!

This immediately caused the other maidens to think, “She has certainly learnt very fast to get his attention...”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang was thinking, “Alas! Yi Ping, I can be cute too, you know...”

Nuwa said, “Stop flattering me. Listen first to what she is going to say.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said solemnly, “The Pangu Monument is actually a fortress to defend against the Desolate Immortals and quite a few of it are scattered throughout the Three Known Realms. I just didn’t expect to see it in this place...”

Nuwa interrupted immediately with a hum as she stared coldly at Yi Ping, “Oh really! So the Great God Pangu plans to exterminate us all here.

Really, indeed!”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose with a mischievous smile, “That is the Great God Pangu. What does it have to do with me?”

Immediately, Nuwa and all the other maidens laughed, “Everything!”

Yi Ping sighed softly, “You know. I don’t like to take in the rap for the others...”

Yixian smiled, “But you don’t have a choice.”

Yi Ping turned to look intently at Yixian and his heart was warmed. It was because even though he did not say it aloud but he was actually taking in the rap for the White Sage, the Dark Chaos Lord and the Great God Pangu. But he also knew that he was now on the path of divinity and that he had to be careful not to ruin his divine practice or the others.

He sighed to himself, “If I am a mortal and can turn the clock back, I will surely marry you all...”

Yixian and Nuwa heard his accidental thoughts for he was too melancholy in heart to suppress his emotions.

Yixian secretly whispered to him, “Ping’Er, we are together now. Isn’t that the most important now?”

She looked dreamily at him. She knew now why she was irrationally drawn to him when they had first met. She had thought that she had only agreed to marry him on the spur of the moment. That was why she had regretted her decision and chosen to avoid it. But now she knew better; it was because they were drawn to each other ever since their past lives...

Yi Ping whispered back, “For us to advance in our divine practice, we have to have as little distractions as possible...”

All of a sudden he had frozen on the spot because the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was staring coldly at him, “Great God Yi Ping, are you even paying attention or not...”

Isa giggled softly, “So he has become the Great God Yi Ping...”

Asura sighed softly, “She is being sarcastic...”

Yi Ping immediately managed a weak smile, “I am listening...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess interrupted unhappily as she stole a glance at Yixian and Nuwa, “I hope you are instead of secretly talking to you know who.”

Yixian kept quiet immediately while Nuwa protested immediately as she shot Yixian and Yi Ping with an exasperated look, “That is not me! I am all ears! It is them!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hummed coldly, “I hope you are because you are the most havoc here.”

Nuwa muttered, “What? You are lecturing me...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said, “So do you want to hear about the Pangu Monument or not?”

Nuwa swallowed her pride with a soft whisper, I do...”

Yi Ping quickly said, “It is all my fault. Not their fault, alright? Quickly tell me.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said solemnly, “Do you know Yun Dingzhong? The Great Ascetic Heavenly King?”

Yi Ping trembled lightly at the mention of his name as he muttered, “I remember...”

Even Asura trembled at the mention of his name and there was a sudden watery expression in her eyes. It was because she still remembered the vile touch of his hands. She was an Immortal of the Sixth Immortal Positioning and her Mystica Intricacies Force was almost unrivalled in the Immortal Realm. Moreover she had the divine aid of the Symphony of Destiny but she was still no match for Yun Dingzhong or the Old Man Xuantian!

She muttered, “I saw him killing an Immortal of the Fifth Immortal Positioning outright with just his Divine Scattering Impact...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess nodded, “That is right. His Mayhem Divine Force is one of the strongest martial forces in the

Immortal Realm. Even the Jade Emperor and the Western Paradise Heavenly King dare not trifle with him. His Divine Scattering Impact is just one of his epitome techniques. I am more worried about his unique Triple Trinity Invocation that can triple his attacking powers. When use with his Mayhem Divine Force and his Absolute Endless Mayhem, even a Desolate Immortal may not be able to handle him.”

The Desolate Goddess Nuwa lifted her head, “Are you kidding me?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess replied, “Do I look like I am joking with you? Especially in a place like this, you won’t be their match!”

Nuwa asked with a smile, “What do you mean? If I am unable to empower my strength, they can’t too. They may not necessary have an advantage over me!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled coldly, “Who says anything about them losing their martial strength here?”

Nuwa stared at the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, “What do you mean?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gave a wryly smile, “This is the Pangu Monument Fortress. Not only will they not be affected by it but the Heavenly Kings are able to draw strength from it.”

Nuwa turned ashen immediately as she asked quietly, “How much more?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess touched the wall with her palm, “Hmmm, around 10% more.”

Nuwa was trembling and she had turned very pale, “That much...”

The difference between each Immortal Positioning was 10% of their raw martial power, making a huge difference in battle. Moreover, the amount of raw martial power that she was able to use was halved now...

Nuwa smiled weakly, “Can we turn back now?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gave her an astonished look, “The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa will actually suggest backing off. It is

indeed a surprise!”

Nuwa replied with a soft sigh, “This place is not to be my liking. I prefer somewhere beautiful...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess stared at her, “Oh really?”

Nuwa smiled weakly, “I don’t wish to die in this accursed place.”

Yi Ping said solemnly, “Lady Nuwa, we will be alright. Why don’t you wait for us outside first? Go and look for Lele...”

Nuwa smiled all of a sudden, “I may not want to die in this accursed place but who says anything about leaving? This is so infuriating. We still got the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess here. In theory now, she is now the most powerful in the group. We mustn’t let the Green Dragon Sacred Sword falls into the hands of these Heavenly Kings and if the Jade Emperor is dead then we must retrieve it.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess said quietly, “Don’t depend too much on me. I may not help you later and may even join the other side. Don’t say I didn’t warn you first.”

Yi Ping nodded, “Don’t worry. Until then, we are still friends. To each of our own destiny. I won’t force you to be on our side.”

Nuwa said, “If this Jade Emperor and these Heavenly Kings are thinking of killing me then they are a million years too early. If they have the guts then they will have the decency of dueling me outside.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was amused while Yi Ping and the rest were smiling weakly.

Yi Ping could not resisting muttering, “More like they want to eat your guts more than having the guts.”

Nuwa asked him coldly, “What do you mean?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “Nothing. Let’s us be on our way first.”

Nuwa nodded reluctantly as she took a forlorn glance at the entrance while the rest of the group nodded.

The Goddess Celestial Alice said, "Let's us exercise extreme caution..."

The interiors were a series of long winding passages but they were walking like they knew the passages pretty well.

They had never been here before naturally.

They were simply following the direction of the malevolent aura that they had picked up!

Ever since Yi Ping had reached the Eighth Immortal Positioning, his senses and perceptions were greatly enhanced. He knew that he was following the Green Dragon Sacred Sword and he could pick up minute traces of its aura from the passages.

That was the reason why they seemed to know where they were going!

Before long, two hours had passed as they hurried through the passages...

The Goddess Isa sighed softly as she looked at Alice, "Funny isn't it? The two of us walking side by side with each other."

The Goddess Celestial Alice smiled, "Given our past enmities, I thought that this is something that is really impossible to happen."

The Goddess Isa looked at Alice and gave her a wry smile, "Alice, we are both on the Seventh Positioning now. I wonder if you are better or I am better. Wanna try it?"

Alice smiled coldly, "If you are not afraid of getting bloodied, I don't mind trying at all."

Isa hummed coldly, "Speak for yourself first."

Yi Ping quickly turned around as he gave them an exasperated look, "Alice, Isa..."

Alice and Isa were smiling as they gave Yi Ping a playful look in return!

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang sighed softly, "So they got Yi Ping's attention..."

The Goddess Asura shrugged her shoulders and smiled.

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said, “Yi Ping is feeling exasperated at your antics, Alice and Isa. So watch out!”

Yi Ping turned ashen and froze on the spot immediately!

He had just received a blow that dealt him harder than any battle blows that he had ever received in his entire life!

Yi Ping muttered, “That is not...”

Nuwa hummed coldly, “I can sense what you are feeling. You are denying it?”

Yi Ping muttered with a weak smile, “No...”

Nuwa replied immediately, “No? You know I don’t lie. I am just echoing what you are feeling. Don’t forget that we are linked heart to heart. The Great Goddess Fantian can be my witness.”

Alice demanded with an indignant expression, “Great Goddess Fantian, is that true?”

Yixian looked at Nuwa, Alice and Yi Ping before nodding quietly...

Yi Ping received the second hardest blow that he had ever received!

And this time he had broken out in cold sweat!

He immediately exercised his Great Translucent Emptiness as he realized that he was leaking his emotions too much while he chanted to himself, “Empty the heart from distractions, be as still as water...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was giggling all of a sudden, “He is so cute...”

This caused Yi Ping to flush uncomfortably...

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang gave the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess a stern look, “Even if you are one of the Heavenly Kings, I warn you not to have any designs on him. And don’t you have any feeling of gratitude towards him.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hummed coldly as she raised her hands, “Young lass, I am afraid that you are still one million years too

early to lecture me.”

Xiang’s expressions flinched immediately and she had immediately raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror in a defensive stance as she raised her voice, “Yi Ping, help me!”

Yi Ping was panicky as he had immediately sensed that his group was going to suffer from infighting even before they had encountered their opponent. And moreover, he could sense that their opponents were very near!

He quickly stepped between them even as he looked at Yixian and Nuwa to help him to restraint them, “Xian’Er, Lady Nuwa...”

But to his utter surprise, Yixian and Nuwa had suddenly come to blows with each other as the vicinity exploded furiously with their martial force!

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said coldly to Yixian, “Dare you not to use your Heavenly Tears Divine Sword!”

Yixian flashed next to Nuwa as she let loose of her Heavenly Tears Divine Sword and let it flew into the walls at the other side of the passage as she hummed coldly back, “You are trying my patience already! I don’t need any immortal swords to defeat you...”

At the same time, her Icy Heavenly Tears had exploded with an explosive impact that shook the entire passage walls!

Yi Ping quickly shouted, “Xian’Er, Nuwa! What are you doing? Stop this!”

As he ran to them, he was to startle to witness another series of explosive martial force flying behind him!

He turned around to see Alice and Isa raising their swords with each other!

He panicky said, “Asura, Xiang’Er! Stop Alice and Isa for me!”

He was stunned when they simply stood on the same spot as though they had never heard him!



“Xiang’Er, Asura? What is wrong?”

Xiang said quietly, “They are Seventh Immortal Positioning immortals. You are asking me to court my own death?”

Asura smiled weakly, “The Great Goddess Celestial Alice is my mistress...”

Yi Ping caught the hint immediately so he said panicky, “Alright then, go help me stop Xian’Er and Lady Nuwa. I will go and stop Alice and Isa then...”

But again, they made no move as they looked away!

Yi Ping looked at their expressions as he sighed with a surrender realization, “Right, right. They are the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa...”

As he ran to and fro to the front and to the back, he shouted panicky to the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, “You can help me to stop them...”

But the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess simply smiled coldly, “I am not going to fall into their trap. The instant I step in, I will be attacked by them like a common enemy. Why don’t you stop them yourselves? I am staying put as it is...”

All of a sudden Yixian said, “Someone is here!”

Yi Ping was about to ask who when he spotted a shadowy wizened figure had quietly sneaked into the passage and he had already laid his hands on the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword that was pierced into the walls!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gasped aloud, “Old Dragon Heavenly Sage! Why is it here? Be careful! He is one of the Eleven Great Heavenly Kings!”

Old Dragon Heavenly Sage had a long silver beard and he was clothed in a beautiful silver elaborate robe.

Old Dragon Heavenly Sage laughed aloud as he rubbed his palms before he grabbed the hilt of the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword with an eerie

laughter, “This is the Great Goddess Fantian’s divine sword! To think that it will fall into my hands! This must be my freaking days. And to think that they are now fighting over the Green Dragon Sacred Sword now, heehe!”

His sharp eyes had now turned murderous and he seemed to be in no hurry as he looked at Yi Ping and his group before he smiled patiently, “What have we here? So it is the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess. You are just a second tier Heavenly King. I have only one advice for all of you. Surrender your divine swords and swear by blood to be my slaves or face my wrath.”

Yi Ping had already stepped forward and raised his swords when he was suddenly alarmed; it was because the formidable aura of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage had suddenly increased several manifolds!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess panicky gasped to Yi Ping, “Be wary! This is his Formidable Dragon Fear. Not only that, he is protected by his Impervious Dragon Silver Robe!”

# Chapter 210: The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage

The Golden Kirin that was next to Alice roared back, immediately dissipate the fearsome air of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was stumped as he stared at the little Kirin, "What is this beast?"

Yi Ping had stepped in front of the group as he interrupted the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage, "What if I refuse to heed you and will like to face your wrath?"

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage laughed aloud as he swung the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword, "Then I will break your golden bodies and pull out your spine tendons. But of course you won't die just yet. I will be making sure of that. You will be begging me to end your life but you can't because you won't even have the strength for that..."

Yixian said coldly as her malevolent cold aura swept through the vicinity all of a sudden, startling the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage. "Isn't that enough already? Shouldn't that be the opposite? You have picked the wrong group to mess up with."

Yi Ping was a little startled as he looked at Xian'Er; the coldness of her Eternal Heavenly Tears was extremely piercing!

Old Dragon Heavenly Sage asked solemnly, "Who are you?"

Yixian raised her right hand and all of a sudden the Heavenly Tears Divine Sword flew out of the hand of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage into hers!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was startled as he stared at his bloodied palm!

He muttered, "It is impossible. With my martial strength, no divine swords will be able to escape from my grip..."

Xian'Er said coldly, "Now it has. Now go!"

Yi Ping had a flinching expression as he muttered, “Xian’Er wait...”

Xian’Er and Nuwa suppressed their urge to giggle. It was because they were now spirit linked to Yi Ping and they could tell that he was eager to fight with the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage!

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he looked at the group, “We should at the very least ask him for more information...”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage gave a martial shout, “Fat hope!”

He began to point his crooked finger at Xian’Er as he stared coldly at Alice, Isa and Xiang. “Alice, who are they? And why are you on their side!”

The Goddess Celestial Alice flashed her golden eyes, “My lord, I am not your subordinate. Have you forgotten that we are on the opposing side during the First Immortal Wars? Hmph! The Goddess Theocracy only answers to the Great God Pangu!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage cursed angrily, “You will pay for this, Alice...”

He stared coldly at the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, “Xiang, you too? Of them all, you should be on my side. Come on and tell them who you are!”

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at Xiang. He thought, “It seemed that she was quite familiar with the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage...”

Xiang said quietly, “I am a chess-piece of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage. I...I am sent to spy on the Zen and the Arhat Practitioners...I am sorry...”

All of a sudden her golden eyes began to blaze brightly as she looked at Yi Ping, “But no longer. I have found my life quest purpose. I am not afraid of you anymore!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage roared angrily, “How audacious of you! I will make sure that all of you have wished that you have never offended me!”

Yi Ping interrupted, “Where is the Jade Emperor? Where are the rest of the Heavenly Kings and how many of you are there?”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage stared coldly at him, “How did you know of the Jade Emperor? Strange. It seems that you are an immortal but I have never seen you before. And the ones behind you as well. Did I sleep for so long that even the mortals are able to ascend as immortals now...”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly as she folded her arms, “Hmph! Mortals indeed. I am never a mortal in the first place. You stupid fellow. Why don’t you be my slave and kiss my foot!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was startled as he roared angrily, “Kiss your foot? My ass! Just who do you think you are? The whole lots of you are ignorant and stupid!”

Xian’Er asked coldly, “You didn’t realize that you are the one that have fallen into our trap?”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage roared thunderously, “What do you mean?!”

Xian’Er replied coldly, “We know that there is a lurker but we aren’t sure where you are hiding. Therefore we plan a diversion strategy for you to witness. Also I have purposely thrown my sword in your direction to bait you into showing up. And you did.”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa hummed coldly, “And you did. If you are not stupid then what are you?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose. That was indeed the case. They had all got into an act together to lure him out.

Yixian and Nuwa were the first to detect the lurker and they had immediately swept their glances to the group. They dare not use their great whispering skill because they knew that while there was little chance that their secret whispering skill could be picked up but the lurker may be alerted. Therefore they decided to deploy a ruse to bring the lurker to the open.

Yi Ping knew that something was wrong because he knew that Xian’Er had always been level headed and would not pick a fight recklessly or be provoked by anyone; if she wants to fight then she will act swiftly and

wordlessly!

He smiled, “Did I act well?”

Immediately all the other maidens said at the same time, “No!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa giggled, “You were just too terrible. I can’t believe it!”

Isa fingered her saddle sword as she shook her head, “You move so clumsy, gosh! Your playacting is simply too fake!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa smiled wryly, “Regardless we have lured him out now. I thought that he will be something but he is like a mad dog and an old oaf!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage laughed all of a sudden, “Lass, you are too insolent. Your name? I am beginning to like you. So what if it is a trap? Do you think I am really bothered with it at all? You really think that angering me, you can take advantage of my irrational to exploit an opening? That is too amateur, too lame! Haha!”

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa raised her burning eyes as she stared at the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage, “Who am I? Do you think you are fit to know my name?”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage had a flinched expression as he saw her golden eyes turned to scarlet and that her Heaven Eye was also beaming with an enticing scarlet in an instant, “Violet eyes! Who are you?! This is the Eighth Immortal Positioning?!”

He took a step backward when he saw that it was the same for Yi Ping and the extraordinary heavenly maiden that was next to him!

He gasped out, “Just who are you?!”

Yi Ping said, “I am Yi Ping.”

Xian’Er replied, “I am the Celestial Fairy!”

Nuwa lifted her fingers, “I am a Desolate Immortal. You can address me as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, the lifter of the Encompassing Heavenly Skies.”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage gasped, “You are Nuwa! Impossible! The Great God Pangu has sealed you!”

Nuwa said coldly, “Indeed he has but now I am freed. I have heard that this fortress is built to contain the Desolate Immortals, am I right? I will like to see how, really. Hmph!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage laughed all of a sudden as martial force exploded around him and a beaming grey sword was suddenly in his grasp, “Haha, good! To think that today I will be able to feast on the flesh of the Great Goddess Nuwa! Imagine the attainment that I will achieve! This is my celestial sword, the Dragontooth Blade!”

He flashed a dangerous look at Yi Ping and the Celestial Fairy, “And I got two others. What a stroke of luck for me!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess shouted all of a sudden, “Watch out! He is coming!”

All of a sudden the ground below the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage exploded thunderously and he had jumped directly towards the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa with an explosive sonic boom!

Nuwa gasped aloud, “What’s the...”

Yi Ping shouted, “Not so easy!”

He had suddenly jumped to intercept the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage with his raised swords and on impact there was a thunderous explosive boom that rocked the entire vicinity!

Both Yi Ping and the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage both skidded backward with a startled look in their eyes!

Yi Ping gasped breathlessly, “So strong...”

He had felt his martial strength being sapped away when they had clashed with each other!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage croaked, “What? You can withstand my Sky Dragon Strike?”

Isa, Alice, Xian’Er, Asura, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, Nuwa

and Xiang had immediately surrounded Yi Ping as they gasped panicky, “Are you alright?”

Isa said, “Yi Ping, are you alright? I don’t believe that if we all attack him at once, we are not his match!”

Alice said quietly, “The Dragontooth Blade is a formidable celestial sword whose divine strength is almost without parallel. Coupled with his Divine Dragon Strength and his Formidable Dragon Force, you can well imagine his strength. Moreover he is protected by his Impervious Dragon Silver Robe, we got to throw in our everything against him...”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage smiled wryly, “Unfortunately, you can’t exercise your martial powers here while my already formidable martial power is further enhanced. A little unfair and I don’t like it...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping unsheathed his Fantian Sovereign Sword with the other hand, “I don’t like this too so why don’t we fight one to one?”

Xiang gasped, “Yi Ping!”

Isa shook her head and said, “No!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage stared at the Fantian Sovereign Sword, “This is the Pangu Sword? How did you have it?! Give it to me! You are not fit to have it.”

Yi Ping said solemnly as he stepped forward, “If you are able to defeat me then you can have the Fantian Sovereign Sword naturally.”

Without turning back, he lowered his head to say quietly. “You have seen his power? None of you will be able to handle him. Rather than sacrificing any of you, why don’t I fight him alone?”

Nuwa cursed softly, “If I have the Divine Nine Cauldron Sword, I will surely be able to fight you...”

Xian’Er raised her Heavenly Tears Divine Sword, “Ping’Er, I can fight alongside with you!”

But Yi Ping had already lifted the Fantian Sovereign Sword high up as three encircling bursts of martial force had surrounded him, “Xian’Er, no



please. He is too formidable.”

He divine whispered to Xian’Er and Nuwa, “Help me to restraint the others. If we joined in together then it will only be in his advantage and our movements will be restrained and even predicted by him. Trust me, I have a way to win this.”

Xian’Er nodded reluctantly...

Nuwa said quietly, “Let him be. Everyone move back!”

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage hummed coldly, “Very well, I accept your challenge then!”

Immediately the two of them were encircling each other rapidly!

And they walked more and more rapidly until they were a blur!

Everyone was holding their breath!

All of a sudden Yi Ping and the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage exploded into clashed with each other as their vicinity exploded with their thunderous sword strokes and martial energies!

Yi Ping flashed his Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign Sword while the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage raised his Dragontooth Blade!

Their clashes were titanic, causing the ground below and their forward swings to explode with their martial forces!

In no time, they had exchanged dozens of fast strokes!

Yi Ping gritted his teeth as he absorbed the martial force impact with his own martial force that he was generating!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage shouted furiously, “It is no use! I am more powerful and more experienced than you here!”

He had further amplified his martial power again as a series of explosions were flung at Yi Ping!

But to his surprise Yi Ping was surrounded by five hovering golden discs!

He gasped, “What is this? The Golden Invincible Force? How the heck did you learn this skill?!”

He was so upset that he displayed his Dragon Heaven Explosive Technique and immediately the area that they were fighting exploded into a thunderous black vortex that rocked the entire vicinity in a big bang!

Everyone gasped panicky!

It was because they knew what the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was up to; by imploding the area, he was in effect causing Yi Ping to take an avoidable hit and the afflictions that Yi Ping would receive from his special technique would be further amplified by ten times!

It was a death blow for sure!

A 100% certainty!

No wonder the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was so sure of victory and so sure of himself!

But to his utter surprise, a bloodied Yi Ping was surrounded by the rainbow of his divine swords that had merged into the length of a saddle sword and surrounding Yi Ping were nine other swords that were hovering protective around him!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was startled, "What the heck?! You can withstand my martial force? I don't believe it!"

Once again he raised the Dragon Heaven Explosive Technique and another massive black vortex exploded like a huge fireball that engulfed the two fighters!

Immediately the two fighters were flung off and struck the wall with the furious impact!

A bloodied Yi Ping coughed out blood as his Thousand Memories Swords were dissipated while the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage had also coughed out a bout of blood and there was a crack in his Old Dragon Heavenly Sage!

Almost immediately, the two fighters were staggering and encircling each other again!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage gasped, “What are you? You are so bloodied and yet you didn’t die? You are not afraid of pain?”

Yi Ping coughed weakly, “Indeed, my threshold of pain has always been better than most.”

They had just taken a few second of rest and then they were suddenly drawing swords again!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage roared, “Foolish! You are so weak now. Do you know that techniques matter more than just simple strokes!”

He had mustered his martial strength to explode headlong into Yi Ping with a single thunderous flash!

But to his surprise, Yi Ping had suddenly parried his attacks away!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage was stunned that a weakened Yi Ping could actually parry his attacks so effortlessly!

He rained down dozens of strokes at Yi Ping and sending martial explosives to fly everywhere!

But to his astonishment Yi Ping could always evade or parry his attacks!

Unlike the earlier fight, this time he was like fighting against the surface of water!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage roared in disbelief as he displayed the Dragon Heaven Explosive Technique again, “No one can survive my Dragon Heaven Explosive Technique three times! Not even the Jade Emperor!”

And this time he had decided not to toy with this Yi Ping anymore as he mustered all his martial strength and amplified his martial power to its zenith!

The vicinity was so heated up that when the black vortex had exploded, it was like ten big bangs occurring at the same time!

But all of a sudden everyone could see that the black vortex was seemingly split into two and pushed away by dozens of Yi Ping’s furious swordplay as he displayed the Asper Continuum!

The Old Dragon Heavenly Sage stared in disbelief, “This is impossible... your sword strokes are so precise...”

But that was the last thing he was able to mutter because Yi Ping’s divine swords had already pierced through his heart!

Everyone was grasping with stunned astonishments...

It was because they had noticed that around Yi Ping were nine golden celestial dragons!

Isa said excitedly, “That is the Dark Emperor Robe...”

Alice said, “No, that is the warrior-god genes of the Dark Chaos Lord...”

Yi Ping gasped weakly, “I am sorry. You have forced me...to awaken... because you are too powerful, my natural instinct has taken over me...”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was staring in disbelief as she muttered, “Impossible! How...how is it possible for him to pierce through his Impervious Dragon Silver Robe, his Heavenly Golden Body and his Divine Dragon Force at the same time...”

Yixian said quietly, “When the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage has used his Dragon Heaven Explosive Technique, there is a time when he will be vulnerable but that is only one hundredth of a second...”

All of a sudden Yi Ping said alarmingly as his body became rigid, “Who is that? Come out of there!”

# Chapter 211: The Heavenness' Secret

A lone feminine figure with white robe was seen standing in the passage, "So I have been discovered huh?"

Yi Ping and his group were startled!

He grasped aloud for he had recognized her, "Lingfeng! This is you! How did you find us?"

Lingfeng smiled wryly, "Not only me..."

And immediately Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yunzi, Youxue, Lie Qing and Lele had appeared at the entrance of the passage!

Lele yawned softly, "You seem surprise?"

Yi Ping was about to say something when Yu'Er, Mei'Er, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords, Skylord Jun, Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel had all appeared with a loud ruckus!

Ye Yin sighed softly, "We are already very quiet and yet he has found us. This is really amazing!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I can sense a familiar feeling. How did you find us? We are already very careful..."

The Heavenness Lingfeng laughed softly as she smiled shyly...

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was puzzled, "Really. How did you find us through these winding passages? And we didn't notice the whole lot of you..."

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he looked at Lingfeng, Ye Yin, Yunzi and Youxue as he slapped his head to laugh, "I know why..."

He looked at Lingfeng, "The Great Emptiness Translucence..."

Lingfeng was startled, "You know?"

Yi Ping nodded, "I didn't know. But earlier when I was in danger, I can sense a soothing feeling...it was only then that I know that it is you. It is only then that I know that you have been listening to my heart all along

and helping me...”

Lingfeng looked away shyly, “So you know now. Previously, my attainment of my Great Emptiness Translucence is higher than you. That is why I can shut myself from you. But now, your level of attainment is the same as me...”

At this moment Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Nuwa and Yixian were able to sense the emotions of each other’s heart.

Yixian whispered secretly to Lingfeng and this was shared between Yi Ping and Nuwa, “Sister Lingfeng, all along you are spirit-linked with Ping’Er and you have been hiding from the rest of us!”

Lingfeng whispered back, “Alas! I didn’t mean to hide it...”

Yi Ping gasped in his heart, “I remember now. So it is not a dream that Lingfeng was talking to me at that time. But why is that ever since that time, I can’t hear you anymore?”

Lingfeng smiled as she whispered, “I tell you the next time, alright? Pay attention to the group first!”

She quickly raised her voice to say aloud, “We are able to find you because Youxue and Yunzi are good trackers too. As long as we stay a good distance from you, you won’t be able to know that we have been following you.”

Yi Ping looked as he looked at the smiling Lele and Lie Qing as he sighed, “It must be Lele’s idea. No wonder she is quick to make a move...”

Lie Qing laughed softly, “That is right!”

Lele laughed jovially, “Isn’t that a little too late for regrets now? We are already here!”

The Universal Old Man laughed, “I didn’t want to come but since they have already decided, I just come along as well. But seriously, we are all here together...”

He took a look at the fallen Heavenly King and the vicinity, “We know that we may not be able to help you much here but we have come so far

together so let's us go through this together. We know that we may not be able to live through this but it is the experience that counts rather than the regrets."

The Lord Supreme nodded, "Old Man without beard, this time round you are talking sense."

The Universal Old Man rubbed his chin, "Alas, is that my new title?"

Skylord Jun and the Immortal Saint of Swords roared with laughter. It was immediately followed by the rest of the group as well!

Yi Ping smiled, "Well, since everyone is already here now..."

Han Lin smiled, "So let's us go now!"

Aiel growled, "Han Lin, you are really funny. You didn't want to come with us in the first place. You keep saying Master Yi Ping won't be pleased to see us..."

Han Lin gave her an innocent look, "Did I?..."

Lie Qing smiled at Yi Ping, "So there. You can't shake me off, am I right?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Right..."

Lele tugged Yi Ping as she asked, "Who is this man? We have heard some commotions so we have hurried our steps. Or else you would not have been able to notice us."

The Goddess Aiel gasped with shock as she stared at Yi Ping, "He...he is...the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage! Why is he here? Yi Ping, you are the one that killed him?"

She looked at Yi Ping, the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa who were all nodding at almost the same time.

She was utterly shocked by the revelation as she gasped again!

Han Lin asked curiously, "Who is he? How powerful is he? More powerful than the Great Ascetic Heavenly King Yun Dingzhong?"

Aiel nodded slowly.

Han Lin clapped her hands as she danced next to Yi Ping, "Brother Yi Ping, you are so strong now!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Not at all. I have some help..."

Han Lin looked expressively at Yi Ping with a soft sigh and after a while her thoughts seemed to drift away as she looked blankly.

Yi Ping saw her expression and asked, "Han Lin, is something wrong?"

Everyone else was also looking at Han Lin curiously and they could tell that she was looking melancholy and that her fingers were trembling!

Aiel tapped her gently on her shoulder, "Han Lin, what is wrong?"

Han Lin lowered her head to look at her trembling right palm, "I...I can feel the Green Dragon Sacred Sword here...but it is getting more and more distant to me...it is like it is rejecting me now..."

Yi Ping understood the bond between the divine sword and the practitioner. For Han Lin to lose the Green Dragon Sacred Sword all of a sudden like this was a huge blow to her.

He thought, "Han Lin must be feeling really very low now. How can I make cheer her up?"

So he immediately said, "Han Lin, I will surely get your divine sword for you. Don't worry about it, alright?"

Aiel immediately held Han Lin by her arm, "Han Lin, I will help you to get your divine sword back alright?"

Yi Ping immediately added, "That is right!"

Lele hummed coldly, "So? It is just a matter of retrieving it. Whoever is the one that takes your sword, we will simply kick his ass for you and make sure that he will never lay his hands on your sword ever again."

Han Lin smiled weakly, "It is impossible. The Green Dragon Sacred Sword belongs to the Jade Emperor. He is the rightful master. Who am I to take the divine sword of the Jade Emperor?"

Lie Qing hit her forehead gently with her knuckles as she muttered



almost inaudibly, “Gosh Lele! That is your grandfather that you are kicking. Have you forgotten about that...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er exchanged a quick look with each other as they smiled weakly as well.

Xingyue grabbed Han Lin by her shoulder all of a sudden and Han Lin was startled as she gasped with surprise, “Um?”

Xingyue said to her while looking at the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Goddess Asura, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang as she smiled while furrowing her phoenix eye lashes, “Hmph! So what if it is the Jade Emperor that we are dealing with? Never give up your claim to your divine sword. If the Immortal Goddesses won’t help you then I will.”

Ye Yin made a chuckle as she picked Han Lin by her other arm, “How about counting me in?”

Han Lin gasped, “The two of you are insane!”

Ye Yin winked at her, “Yes we are. Do you want to join us in your claim for your divine sword?”

Han Lin nodded, “I do now!”

The Lord Supreme, Skylord Jun and the Universal Old Man were all smiling weakly.

The Lord Supreme said solemnly, “Ye Yin, you don’t know who you are up against. Don’t make such bold statements. It is bad for your future attainment. We shouldn’t promise lightly.”

Yi Ping nodded silently as he looked at Han Lin, Xingyue and Ye Yin...

The Goddess Isa nodded and said, “Your future attainment is paved by your every single decision. Don’t make sweeping statements or we will soon be at the opposing side.”

She stole a glance at the Goddess Celestial Alice who nodded in return.

Alice said quietly as she lifted her eyes to look at Yi Ping, “In the past, my actions have serious consequences. I have paid for it dearly. Don’t

make the same mistake as I did.”

Yi Ping heaved a deep sigh as he saw the beaming eyes that came from Xingyue and Ye Yin; he knew that given their stubborn spirits, they were not going to bow down to the powers above them.

Xingyue the Dark Enchantress alias the Fiery Phoenix was a prodigy celestial practitioner of the Ascension Sect. She had spent her days seeking self-enlightenment after getting snubbed by the White Sage. As one of the Supreme Celestial of the Ascension Sect and wielder of the Perpetual Darkness, she was one of the most capable fighters of the Celestial Fraternity. Though she had lost her Perpetual Darkness now, her fighting spirits were never extinguished.

As for Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess, she too was a Supreme Celestial of the Ascension Sect and was the older protégé sister of Xingyue. Her divine sword was the Despairing Heavenly, now the Blessed Heaven. She was a battle goddess on par with the Goddess Isa!

Isa who had dueled with Ye Yin several times was clearly impressed by her.

She lifted her eyes at Ye Yin with a soft laugh as she tapped her fingers at her Divine Constellation Sword, “It seems that our duels have not ended yet...”

She proceeded to flash a dangerous streak look at Alice, Xian’Er, Asura, Xiang and Ye Yin who had all fought with her previously.

Asura raised her eye lashes, “Don’t give me that look. Don’t forget that we are the Goddess Theocracy...”

Isa gave a cold smile as she gave a challenging look at everyone, “And we aren’t supposed to fight?”

All of a sudden Yi Ping said, “Han Lin, give me your hand.”

Han Lin was startled as she asked, “Huh?”

Lingfeng gave him a soft kick, “This is not the time to flirt...”

But all of a sudden she froze as she looked at Yi Ping. This was followed

by Xian'Er and Nuwa who seemed to be stirred by Yi Ping as well!

Lie Qing asked, "Ping'Er, what is wrong?"

Yi Ping said, "Han Lin, can I touch your palm?"

Han Lin took a quick look at Aiel who had an envy look on her face before saying quickly, "Yes..."

She extended her hand towards Yi Ping...

Yi Ping got hold of her warm palm as he took a deep breath.

Han Lin asked shyly, "Yi Ping, what are you doing?"

Her heart was throbbing. It was because she was being held in her hand by Yi Ping now!

Yi Ping did not reply for he was lost in thoughts but after a while, he smiled. "Han Lin, I know where the Great Dragon Sacred Sword is now."

Han Lin and the others were startled.

Han Lin asked, "You know?"

Yi Ping nodded, "It is indeed in this place..."

Han Lin could not resist ask excitedly, "Erm...how do you know about this?"

Yi Ping looked at her affectionate eyes that were upon him. He could immediately sense her sentimental heart but he maintained his composure to say solemnly, "I can sense the same energy signature of your divine sword in this place."

He took a deep breath as he eyed the three passages that were in front of them before he pointed to a passage, "There! It should be there!"

He quickly took a step forward before he heard Han Lin grasped aloud.

He turned around and realized that he was still holding her hand and all of a sudden Han Lin gave a startled cry as she bumped into him!

Both of them bumped into each other with a startled expression, leaving them staring at each other and not knowing what to do!

Lingfeng, Aiel and Nuwa gave a cold hum while Youxue said, “Ahem! What are the two of you doing? Since we have already got a clear direction to go then why are the two of you still staring blankly at each other?”

Youxue emphasized the ‘Each other.’”

Yi Ping smiled

Lele and Lie Qing were immediately beside Yi Ping as they dragged him away.

Lele was muttering, “I have thought that you have some bright ideas but you are just fooling around! This is so infuriating!”

As Lie Qing dragged Yi Ping away as she smiled at him, “Since you have already know where to go next, why are you still standing here for? Let’s go!”

Han Lin shouted after them, “Wait for me!”

Alice, Isa, Xiang and Asura looked at one another and were the last remaining group to move into the passage.

Isa sighed softly as she echoed their thoughts, “Are we really going to fight against the Jade Emperor? Or are we helping Han Lin?”

Alice hummed softly, “She is your friend, not mine. You are getting too sentimental and that is bad.”

Isa heaved another soft sigh, “Maybe I am now. For the first time, I have no desire to fight against a...friend.”

Asura looked at her and muttered, “Same here...”

Xiang looked at them, “I am weary as well...”

Alice flurried past them as she gave a soft hum, “We will see about this. I am not going to let the Jade Emperor or the Heavenly Kings lord over us anymore.”

Asura lifted her divine staff as her golden eyes shone as she followed Alice, “I am the apostle of the Great Goddess Celestial Alice and I will

follow her will to the end. I don't want to fight the Jade Emperor because..."

She sighed softly but immediately the fire in her golden eyes were ignited again as she raised her voice, "But I will make the Great Ascetic Heavenly King Yun Dingzhong and the Dark Primordial Heavenly King pay for the humiliation that they had afflicted me. I shall use their blood to cleanse my honor."

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang lifted the end of long skirt to her waist as she fluttered the dust off before looking at the Goddess Isa, "I don't care much for the Jade Emperor, the Heavenly Kings or the Desolate Immortals. I am with the Great God Pangu. I am his apostle."

With that she walked past Isa and was gone in the next instant.

Isa was left alone staring blankly for a time.

She began to look at the crumble body of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage and all of a sudden her heart began to beat rapidly...

Finally she pursed her lips as she took a step toward the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage...

# Chapter 212: The Flower of Life

The other side of the passage was bright and they were enticed by the beautiful glows of the white monument walls. It was as though they had entered another world within a world!

And on the white monument walls were beautiful circular inscriptions that resembled plants and flowers but were all intertwined together.

Yi Ping gasped out in astonishment, "Where are we?"

Lie Qing laughed softly, "We are inside the belly of the Great God Pangu!"

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were giggling too as they eyed Yi Ping. The loveliness that was expressed for Yi Ping was unmistakable to everyone.

Xingyue thought, "I can't believe that the aloof Eclipse and Axis Heaven Goddesses in the past have the heart of a young maiden now. Correction, they are really young maidens..."

She knew that they had recollected their past memories. They were still their aloof self in front of Xingyue and Ye Yin but once they were around Yi Ping and Xian'Er, they were Yu'Er and Mei'Er again.

Xingyue sighed softly in her heart, "Perhaps, I should follow their example..."

"Xingyue!"

Xingyue was startled when Yi Ping had suddenly called her name, "Um yes?"

Yi Ping asked, "Look at this place! Isn't it beautiful? You seem to be distracted?"

Xingyue smiled weakly, "Yes, it is beautiful..."

All of a sudden Lie Qing stood rigid as she raised her voice, "Wait a minute everyone! Stop!"

Everyone was startled by her as they all stopped in their tracks immediately.

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, "Maiden Qing'Er, what is it?"

Yi Ping, Nuwa, Xian'Er, Alice, Asura and all the rest had quickly scanned their surroundings but they could find nothing amiss.

They were surrounded by tall white megaliths on all sides that measured 40m, arching each other 40m apart. On a closer inspection, it seemed that there were in fact eight different passages that were branching out in all directions instead of one!

Youxue and Yunzi were startled as they realized the grand deception of this place. They were paying Yi Ping more attention and were only paying scant attention to their surroundings. Moreover they had just entered this passage and did not think that anything would be amiss.

Ye Yin blinked her eyes as she looked at Alice, Xian'Er, Nuwa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess as she asked, "There seem to be no dangers. What do you think?"

Nuwa yawned softly, "There is nothing here. If there is someone here or a hidden formation, I will be able to know immediately. There is nothing to worry about."

Xian'Er looked at Youxue and Yunzi who were all looking blankly at their surroundings.

Lele laughed softly, "If even Yunzi and Youxue who are knowledgeable in the arts of traps didn't see anything amiss here, Sister Qing'Er must be too overly too anxious!"

Yi Ping asked Lie Qing gently, "Qing'Er, is something wrong?"

Even Alice was looking perplexed and Asura was furrowing her brows...

Lie Qing immediately tugged Yi Ping by his sleeve as she looked at her surroundings, "Ping'Er, I have seen this place somewhere before."

Yi Ping was startled, "You have? When and how?"

Lie Qing said, "I have seen this setting in an old manual that is in my collection in the past."

Lele asked, "Sister Qing'Er, really?"

Lie Qing smiled, “Remember that I am also a celestial practitioner. During my time, knowledge of the celestial practice is still remembered vaguely. My clan has many celestial practice related manuals and scrolls. One of the scrolls in my clan’s secret library has a scene of this.”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “But we are inside the Stellar Sanctuary. How is it possible for your clan to come in possession of a scene in the Stellar Sanctuary?”

Xingyue, Xian’Er, Lele, the Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man, Lingfeng, the Immortal Saint of Swords, Ye Yin and all the rest were looking at each other. Whether it was in the most ancient of the sects in the martial fraternity or high up to the Ninth Heavens of the Celestial Realm, no one had ever come across such a thing.

Xian’Er asked, “Qing’Er, can you tell us more then? What is in that scroll? Can you still remember what it is?”

Alice was looking perplexed as she turned to look at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, “A scene of the Stellar Sanctuary will actually be found in the lower realm? I find it hard to believe.”

Nuwa smiled gently, “Don’t look at me like this. How could I know anything about this?”

Yi Ping added, “Qing’Er, then can you tell us more if you are able to remember?”

Lie Qing took a deep breath as she looked at everyone, “That is not really a hard thing at all. That is because that scroll contains the secret intricate formula of the Invincible Divine Force. However, no one is able to decipher it at all as the secret intricate inscriptions of this Invincible Divine Force are mostly made up of symbols.”

Nuwa immediately interrupted, “Huh? Why will a martial skill of a lowly practice contain a map of the Stellar Sanctuary?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled weakly, “The Invincible Divine Skill is also a celestial skill. The Western Paradise Heavenly King practices the Invincible Divine Skill.”



Nuwa yawned softly, “What Invincible Divine Skill. We see about that...”

Lie Qing ignored her casual remarks as she focused on explaining, “In that scroll is a drawing of 21 pillars on all sides. If you count from the start here to the 11th pillar, that will be the epicenter of these pillars. Even though there are 3 pillars in close proximity here, there are actually five others such pillars beyond this row of pillars too.”

Nuwa gasped all of a sudden, “Pillar to pillar is 40m and there are 21 pillars on the left and right. And 5 others? Isn’t that 40 pillars at all the outlaying perimeter?”

Even the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess froze into place as she turned ashen immediately, “Is this the...”

Nuwa nodded as she gasped softly, “That is the Flower of Life.”

Yi Ping asked, “The Flower of Life? What is that?”

Nuwa picked a pebble and drawn one circle in the middle and joined six circles around it before extending six more circles around it and another six more circles!

Alice gasped, “It is really the Flower of Life!”

Nuwa said quietly as she looked at Xian’Er, “This is more than that...”

Xian’Er nodded as she looked at Yi Ping before looking at everyone, “That shape is also the shape of the 19 domes of the Ancient Fortress of the Desolate Immortals. I have seen it in the surreal reality of my dreams when I am the Fantian. I have seen it having a large circle in the middle and encircling it are six three smaller rows of encircling circles. The three smaller circles can also form into bigger circle like the one in the middle...”

Nuwa interrupted softly, “Which forms seven big circles encircling each other...”

Lele laughed jovially, “This is such a headache. I am now seeing circles!”

Yi Si tugged her as she whispered to her, “Dearest mother, I think they

are on something important.”

Lele chuckled softly as she whispered back to her daughter, “They have nothing important except for trouble.”

Alice, Asura, Skylord Jun and the Goddess of Mercy Xiang were already saying to the group, “The Flower of Life is said to be the highest epitome of the immortal practice. It represents the key to unlock the Seventh Immortal Stage.”

Mei’Er could not resist saying aloud, “Since Asura, Alice, Isa and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess have already attained the Seventh Immortal Ranking now then it is useless to these high goddesses. What is so mystical about the Flower of Life?”

Yu’er looked at Xian’Er, “Mistress, you have already attained the Eighth Immortal Staging, am I right?”

Xian’Er nodded, “The Flower of Life hints of nine immortal practice in its petal and a final tenth ultimate immortal rank. The Great God Pangu must have left this subtle hint in his great monument as a hint to something else.”

Lingfeng snapped her fingers, “So if we are to follow these pillars to the epicenter then we may find a hint to that something?”

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess smiled as she winked at Yi Ping, “That will be interesting. So what are we waiting for?”

That was a dare.

Yi Ping knew that Ye Yin was unafraid of anything. He smiled back to her but he continued to remain stoned as he stared at the rows of pillars in front of them.

The Universal Old Man probed, “Ping’Er, what is wrong?”

Yi Ping immediately turned around as he smiled weakly as he stole a glance at Lie Qing, “We still do not know why a map of these pillars can be found in the lower realm. This is indeed weird. It is like someone else has either been here to record what is here or has witnessed the scene

here and has somehow recorded it.”

Lie Qing smiled, “How should I know? It is for the Great God Pangu to find out.”

All of a sudden she turned solemn, “The Invincible Divine Clan is a secret celestial clan. Maybe my clan patriarchs had copied it from the celestial clans. We don’t need to think too hard for now. Let’s go and take a look first. It is just a little walk.”

Nuwa had already proclaimed, “There are no hidden formations or monsters in this place. Let’s go and have a look first!”

She seemed particularly excited and energized as she flashed to and fro as she urged everyone to be on the move!

Yi Ping nodded as he looked at everyone, “In that case, I guess we take a look first and see if there is anything there. There may be nothing or it is just a coincidental.”

Xian’Er nodded as she cast a look at Nuwa who was beaming excitingly, “That may be true.”

Lingfeng asked secretly via her Great Emptiness Translucence to Xian’Er, Yi Ping and Nuwa, “Why is the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa suddenly so excited?”

Nuwa chuckled softly, “That is none of your business! Get out of my head!”

Lingfeng answered back, “Well, I refuse to. I like to see what you can do to me, humph!”

Xian’Er answered gently, “Probably Nuwa is excited about learning the whereabouts of the Ancient Fortress. The Great God Pangu had cast it out of the Materialize Realm and segregated it into the Three Known Realms.”

Nuwa laughed softly, “Yes I am! Perhaps we can even bring back the Ancient Fortress!”

Yi Ping whispered solemnly, “That may not be a good thing. It is better

for the Ancient Fortress to be where it is...”

All of a sudden his thoughts were interrupted by Alice who asked aloud, “Where is Isa?”

Everyone was startled. It was because indeed there was no sight of Isa anywhere!

Somehow they had lost sight of her!

Xiang said, “She didn’t enter this passage with us?”

Alice shrugged her shoulders, “Don’t ask me. I am not the last to have seen her. You are.”

Xiang looked perplexed, “She did not come with us? Why should she stays behind?”

Lele casually remarked, “Well, that Old Dragon Heavenly Sage is freshly dead. Maybe she wants to consume his heart and attain a higher immortal stage. That will be a nice shortcut.”

Yi Ping immediately turned ashen as he muttered, “No, she wouldn’t. That is the path of a Dark Immortal Practitioner and it is a path of no return...”

Ye Yin hummed coldly, “You wouldn’t be able to know the innermost heart of the others. Or there won’t be so many conflicts in the world.”

Yi Ping turned to Yunzi and Youxue, “Yunzi, Youxue, what do you think?”

Yunzi smiled, “I don’t know but we can always turn back to check.”

Youxue nodded, “Ping’Er. Since you are worried for her, why don’t we turn back now?”

Yi Ping nodded and just as he was about to storm back, he sensed a familiar feeling and he immediately knew that it was Isa.

The higher cultivation practitioners in their group had also felt her presence and they were all looking at the passage where they had come from earlier.

True enough, Isa had just walked into the passage; her golden hair and her long saddle sword, the Divine Constellation Sword were unmistakable in the distant!

As soon as she was near to the group, she smiled. "What is wrong? Are you all waiting for me? Why are you all looking at me like this?"

Her face was glowing and she was spirited as she looked at everyone, "What is wrong?"

As she got closer, they could see that she was wearing the Dragon Silver Robe that belonged to the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage and that she was also carrying the Dragontooth Blade!

As she got near, she immediately tossed the Dragontooth Blade to Han Lin, "You may as well use this celestial sword first. It is an equal to the Green Dragon Sacred Sword."

Han Lin was startled as she grabbed the Dragontooth Blade as she exchanged astonished looks with Aiel while muttering, "Um...thank you..."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh of relief, "I know that Isa wouldn't..."

Isa winked at him, "What? You think that I will eat the heart of that filthy old man to increase my cultivation practice?"

Yi Ping immediately protested weakly, "I know you will not. Just thinking where you are going?"

Lele clapped her hands, "That is right..."

Isa smiled as she looked at the rest of the group, "Really? Why is that I seeing doubts and disbelief in your eyes? I am just wondering why on earth everyone is leaving two such wondrous treasures behind! If you don't want them, I am claiming it!"

Aiel was heard muttering almost inaudible, "I want...I have forgotten..."

Even Youxue was heard heaving a soft sigh while the Skylord Jun was teething his teeth...

The Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man and the Immortal Saint of

Swords were also sighing softly...

That was because most of them had been distracted by Han Lin and Yi Ping earlier. Moreover, the death of the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage had taken them by surprise and the sudden union between the two main groups made them a little excited to get things moving!

Before they had known it, most of them were ushered to this passage in a fairly quick manner!

The Goddess Isa looked at them with a smile as she purposely showed off her newly acquired celestial robe, “What is wrong? So what are we waiting for now?”

# Chapter 213: Mirror of Transmigration

As they continued their way, the group soon quieted down.

Yi Ping led the way and he was accompanied by Xian'Er and Nuwa. The very reason the group had been quiet because the most of the maidens that were in the group were looking shyly at Yi Ping and did not want to disturb this quiet moment.

Even the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were unusual quiet. Moreover the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was leading the way as she walked at a rapid pace.

Finally the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa laughed softly, "Here it is. This should be the epicenter of the Flower of Life formation."

Yi Ping asked as he looked at the surroundings, "But where is the formation?"

He could only see rows after rows of tall monument pillars but there was no sight of any celestial formation in place.

Nuwa had flashed immediately in front before stopping suddenly to sweep the debris to reveal a hieroglyphic drawing of a patterned circle in a cube as she said aloud, "Look! The Flower of Life!"

When Yi Ping had caught the sight of the hieroglyphic, he began to touch his forehead unconsciously.

This was immediately noticed by Lingfeng as she joking said, "The mark on your forehead bears some resemblance to the Flower of Life."

Nuwa smiled gently as she looked forlornly at Yi Ping, "Yi Ping's mark is the Trinity circle and it is spherical in shape, opening like a leaf. It doesn't resemble the Flower of Life at all..."

Lingfeng immediately chuckled softly, "I know...but I can't help it. Do you have to be so serious in correcting me huh?"

Nuwa groaned softly while Yi Ping shrugged his shoulders as he quickly asked a question to distract them, "So this is the Flower of Life? It is just a

drawing on the ground. There is nothing weird about this.”

At this moment, all the others were also crowding around Yi Ping and trying to figure out the same question as well.

Mei’Er and Han Lin said almost at the same time, “Why should anyone draw something here?”

Yu’Er nodded, “And what is the purpose?”

Nuwa smiled mysteriously, “What do you suppose?”

Lingfeng asked, “You know?”

Xian’Er smiled gently, “Lady Nuwa, can you tell us what it is?”

Nuwa looked at her, “It seems that the Lady Fantian has already forgotten much about her past.”

Xian’Er smiled gently and did not seem to mind, “Yes, that is right.”

Yi Ping asked hurriedly, “Nuwa, can you tell us something about this hieroglyphic drawing and its placement? I can sense a hidden formation within it but I can’t be sure.”

Nuwa smiled as she exerted a martial force on the tip of her fingers, “Everyone, gather around me for I am going to activate the formation now.”

Everyone was startled as they quickly gathered around her.

Han Lin gasped, “Is it dangerous?”

Aiel winked at her, “Of course it is. We are at the 84th floor now...”

Lie Qing mused, “Then I am so afraid!”

Lele held onto Xian’Er as she muttered incoherently.

Xian’Er laughed softly, “Yi Ping is over there. You can go over there to seek his comfort...”

Yi Ping growled at them while observing Nuwa at the same time...

Nuwa laughed softly as she tapped her forehead with her fingers, “Alright, here we go...”



Yi Ping secretly asked Nuwa with his will, “Are you sure? What if the formation is dangerous? What is this formation? What it is?”

Nuwa willed back, “This is the Mirror of Transmigration. This formation will take us directly to the heart of this monument and take us to where the Flower of Life is located. Whether it is dangerous, we will know soon enough!”

Yi Ping was slightly startled while Lingfeng cursed, “Why you!...”

Because Lingfeng shared a link with Yi Ping, she was able to eavesdrop on Yi Ping and Nuwa.

Xian’Er smiled gently as she shook her head lightly. Like Lingfeng, she was able to eavesdrop on the secret exchange between Nuwa, Yi Ping and Lingfeng.

Her slight disapproval was instantly noticed by Yu’Er, Mei’Er and Ye Yin who could sense any subtle change immediately and they were looking at each other with a weak smile.

Lie Qing, Lele, Youxue and Yun Zi had seen the looks on their countenance and knew that something was up but they maintained their composure.

The Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man, Skylord Jun and the rest were not blind by the subtle exchanges but they gave no indication that they were bothered by it. Rather, there were anticipations and excitements in their eyes!

Alice lifted her chin slightly as she said, “Let’s go!”

Almost immediately, a beam of stellar bright light had burst out from the ground and its warm light began to disperse in all directions!

Those who had never experienced it before were gasping in astonishment.

Even Yi Ping gasped, “What is this light?”

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, “You should know or else how are you able to reach the Celestial Realm?”

Lingfeng quickly said, "This beam of light will take us to another location of this place..."

No sooner had she explained it, an even brighter light interrupted had appeared and Yi Ping felt a throbbing sensation that shook his entire body. That was exactly the same experience that he had previously experienced when he first ascended to the Celestial Realm!

When he blinked his eyes again, he found himself in a gigantic hall and there were dozens of others and they were all fighting furiously with each other!

Their furious fighting resonant throughout and it was deafening!

Yi Ping felt as though the very fabric of space around them was tearing apart by their explosive conflicts!

And it seemed that they were fighting around a dazzling rainbow light in the middle which was dangling high above them!

The first thing that came into Yi Ping mind and everyone else was that the thing inside the dazzling rainbow light was the Flower of Life!

Yi Ping immediately sensed that a powerful warping formation was enveloping around the dazzling rainbow light and he could sense the powerful presence of an artifact from within!

When they had appeared, the fighting had immediately ceased, startled by their sudden appearances!

It took a brief moment for Yi Ping to recognize the Jade Emperor, the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling from among the fighters!

Lele gasped for she had recognized her grandpa the Jade Emperor, her brother the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling who were the Prime Celestials of the Celestial Palace, "Grandpa! Brother!"

Yi Si shouted excitedly, "Old Grandpa! I am here!"

The Jade Emperor who was wielding the Green Dragon Sacred Sword gasped, "Lele! Yi Si!" as leapt backward to regroup with the Celestial Liege who was sheltering the injured Ye Ling from the other fighters!

And beside Ye Ling and the Celestial Liege was an old wizened man, the Martial Sage!

When the Martial Sage saw Xian'Er, he began to wave and he was shouting excitedly, "Xian'Er! You are here too?!"

Xian'Er was startled as she noticed his golden eyes, "He has ascended to the Celestial Realm?"

Mei'Er laughed, "Mistress, your admirer is actually here. He is really persistent!"

Yi Si asked curiously, "You know him? The Martial Sage?"

Mei'Er nodded, "But why is he here? I reckon only about twenty years have passed in the Mortal Realm..."

Yi Si smiled, "Same as me. I will tell you later! So the Maiden Xian'Er that he is always muttering is actually the Celestial Fairy. It seems that my father has a fierce competitor now."

Yi Ping growled softly but he quickly noted the golden eyes of the Jade Emperor, the Celestial Liege, Ye Ling and the Martial Sage and was bewildered as he thought, "They are all Celestials now?"

But as he looked at the Jade Emperor who was wielding the Green Dragon Sacred Sword, he noticed that the Jade Emperor possessed piercing golden eyes. From the looks of it, the Jade Emperor had already attained the Seventh Immortal Positioning!

And Yi Ping had also recognized that two of the fighters who were fighting the Jade Emperor were none other than Yun Dingzhong the Great Ascetic Heavenly King and Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King!

And immediately a burning anger aroused in his eyes when he recalled the way they had treated the Goddess Asura!

Asura cursed as she raised her divine staff, the Symphony of Destiny. "I will rip them apart..."

Alice tapped her shoulder gently as she whispered, "Asura, hold it first."

Asura trembled lightly while clenching her fists as she nodded lightly...

At the same time the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gasped, “Ancient Heavenly Sage King!”

Indeed, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King and the Western Paradise Heavenly King were also in the vicinity. They were surrounded by six attackers but all of them stopped dead in their tracks when they saw Yi Ping and his group!

Yi Ping was startled for he had recognized the familiar face of the Western Paradise Heavenly King and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King as the smoking debris from the earlier fight began to settle.

He immediately thought, “Why are they all here?”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King turned pale almost immediately as he shouted, “Yu Ji (The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess) why are you here? Get away from here!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King smiled weakly to the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, “You can’t seem to shake her off...”

And when he saw Yi Ping, he began to roar with laughter at the other Heavenly Kings who were surrounding him, “It seems that my help has come!”

But when he saw Xian’Er, he turned ashen immediately as he took a step back while muttering, “Fan...is it possible...”

The other six Heavenly Kings who were surrounding the Western Paradise Heavenly King and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King began to stare at Yi Ping and his group. One of them, a Heavenly King with red beard roared with laughter, “Very good! I, the Heavenly King of Furies will like to see how capable they are!”

Beside these groups, there were ten other fighters. From their glaring looks, they were all Heavenly Kings, the most powerful class of immortals!

A youthful immortal in white armor and wielding a white divine sword

mocked, “What?! A group of celestials and lesser immortals actually have the luck to come this far and they have actually the tenacity to fight with us for the Flower of Life?”

Lingfeng immediately stepped forward as she snapped her fingers, “We have never said we are here for the Flower of Life! Go on, fight among yourself and we will continue on our way!”

Yi Ping was a little amused by Lingfeng the Heaviness. But he knew that she was buying them some time to discern allies and foes so he nodded lightly to give his approval.

Lingfeng smiled when she saw Yi Ping had given her the approval to go ahead.

Alice whispered to the group, “He is the Great Insight Heavenly King, one of the eleven prime Heavenly Kings and the one at the back, he is Lord of the Enigma Chaos. He isn’t a Heavenly King but he is a first generation dark immortal and he is extremely formidable. His strength rivals that of the prime Heavenly King!”

The Great Insight Heavenly King smirked coldly as he appraised the Heaviness and Alice, “Young maiden. You don’t know who you are talking to. Didn’t Alice teach you any manners? Bow before me and I will spare you or you will be facing my wrath.”

Lingfeng hummed coldly, “No, I won’t.”

The Great Insight Heavenly King laughed as he looked at Lingfeng with interest, “This is hmm...interesting...”

But he quickly looked over to Alice, Isa, Asura and Xiang, “Hey! Are you with the Unification Plan or not?”

Yi Ping was slightly startled for this was the second time he had heard of the Unification Plan and that was from Yun Dingzhong the last time!

Yun Dingzhong was shouting as he pointed to the direction of the Jade Emperor, “Aren’t you that Yi Ping? Don’t forget our deal. I have already given you the Goddess Asura. Come over to my side and help me to fight the Jade Emperor...”

The Goddess Asura flushed as she said sharply, "Rubbish!"

Yi Ping drawn out his Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign Sword as he said solemnly, "What deal? That is only your wishful thoughts!"

Yun Dingzhong roared with anger, "Why you ungrateful bastard..."

All of a sudden the Lord of the Enigma Chaos shouted and his powerful shout exploded out, "This! This is the Fantian Sovereign Sword!"

The rest of the group was all looking at Yi Ping and the Fantian Sovereign Sword in utter disbelief!

The Great Insight Heavenly King laughed, "This is another prize that is equally worthy of conquest. Whoever has the Fantian Sovereign Sword will be the next Great God, the successor to the Great God Pangu!"

An old Heavenly King with a staff exclaimed, "I won't let you have the Fantian Sovereign Sword..."

The Great Insight Heavenly King who was nearest to Yi Ping's group laughed aloud, "We will see about it..."

With a startling blinking flash, he was immediately upon Yi Ping even before Skylord Jun could even finish mutter, "Brother Yi Ping, watch..."

And right behind him was five other Heavenly Kings!

But before the Great Insight Heavenly King could seize the Fantian Sovereign Sword, Yi Ping had slashed him with a tremendous force that sent him flying backward!

As the Great Insight Heavenly King was sent crashing onto the ground with an explosive impact, he cursed. "What the hell...his reflex is fast. I am too careless...It won't be fun if I am able to seize the Fantian Sovereign Sword so easily..."

As he regained his balance with lightning reflex, he was startled to see that the other five Heavenly Kings were sent flying with thunderous impact all around him by two unearthly maidens with an imposing air, one in velvet scarlet robe and another in a light blue robe!

These two maidens were none other the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa

and Xian'Er the Celestial Fairy!

All six of the fallen Heavenly Kings and the rest of the group in the vicinity were stunned and they were all staring at Yi Ping, Xian'Er and Nuwa!

They had never encountered such imposing presence and they knew immediately that these two unearthly maidens were not any ordinary immortals!

Old Man Xuantian, Yun Dingzhong and several others exclaimed aloud at the same time, "The Eight Immortal Positioning! How is it possible?!"

For they were staring at the beaming scarlet scanning eyes of Yi Ping, Nuwa and Xian'Er!

The Great Insight Heavenly King gasped in disbelief, "Who are you?!"

The Goddess Celestial Alice stepped forward as she looked sternly at them, "You are asking who they are? Do you have eyes? They are the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great God Pangu. Why are you not bowing to pay your reverence obedience to them?"

The Heavenly King of Furies answered angrily, "Rubbish! He is the Great God Pangu? I am the one that will be the next Great God Pangu!"

No sooner had he said that, the Western Paradise Heavenly King had sped past to a few paces in front of Yi Ping, Xian'Er and Nuwa as he trembled, "Is that really you? The Great Goddess Fantian? I...I have never forgotten your likeness..."

All of a sudden the Western Paradise Heavenly King bent over to kneel in front of Xian'Er as he mustered his voice to say loudly, "Your loyal servant humbly welcomes the Great Goddess Fantian from Beyond! At long last, you have finally returned!"

Everyone was startled, including the Jade Emperor as they looked at each other. It was because other than the Western Paradise Heavenly King, not even the Jade Emperor had ever seen the mystical Great Goddess Fantian who along with the Great God Pangu had created the

### Three Known Realms!

The Great God Pangu was the world builder while the Great Goddess Fantian was the giver of life accordingly to the myths of the immortals!

But if the Western Paradise Heavenly King said so then it must be the truth for he would never humbled himself down to anyone, not even to the Jade Emperor!

The Jade Emperor muttered, "She is the Great Goddess Fantian?"

The Martial Sage was astonished as he laughed, "Xian'Er...she is really the Great Goddess Fantian? And the other maiden is the Great Goddess Nuwa the upholder of the Pillars of Heavens?"

Xian'Er looked gently at the Western Paradise Heavenly King, "Rise. Today, we are going to uphold the righteousness and punish the evildoers."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, "So it seems that we are on the same side!...An idiot is still standing over there. What is he waiting for?"

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King smiled weakly, refusing to answer to her obvious hint.

Youxue muttered a soft whisper, "It seems that these Heavenly Kings are no different as any others. They are dense as well!"

Yunzi whispered, "Love is not something that can be forced..."

Youxue giggled softly, "Oh really?"

Lele laughed softly, "Yi Ping doesn't have any choice."

Lie Qing was being light hearted as well, "I rather we don't give him any choices or he will surely run away."

As the Western Paradise Heavenly King rose, the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa said in her soft but tranquil voice, "I am the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa. Today, I am not in the best of mood. Whoever dares to oppose me will be sundered by me. Seriously."



The Jade Emperor immediately shouted, “Yi Ping, Lele! Stay away from her! Do you know who she is? Since time memorial, the Righteous Force has opposes the Great Desolate Force. Don’t let her get away or it will be disastrous for the Three Known Realms!”

Even Old Man Xuantian was shouting, “No matter if we are Dark Immortals or not, whatever our agenda is today, we must unite to bring her down first! We mustn’t let her reveal the location of the Three Known Realms to the Desolate Immortals. Once the Desolate Immortals are back, a major catastrophe will befall the entire Three Known Realms to the point of no return!”

Yun Dingzhong rallied everyone with a thunderous shout, “Don’t let Nuwa get her hands on the Flower of Life! Even if the Great Goddess Fantian is on her side,

Yi Ping gave an explosive shout that resounded throughout the vast hall, “Enough! I won’t let anyone lay a finger on the Lady Nuwa. If anyone wants to get the Lady Nuwa, they will have to get past me first! If might is right then I will prove my strength to you!”

The Great Goddess Nuwa was secretly startled and was pleased as she thought silently, “Pangu...Yi Ping...”

The Celestial Liege shrugged his shoulders to say while looking intently at Lie Qing, “So it seems that my brother-in-law is still as rush as in the past.”

Lie Qing obviously knew that the Celestial Liege was looking at her but she pretended to look the other way.

Xian’Er said gently, “The Lady Nuwa may be a Desolate Immortal but she is one of us now. Anyone that tries to hurt her will also have to get past me as well.”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King banged his golden rod on the ground with an earth shaking impact, “And anyone that wants to hurt the Great Goddess Fantian will have to get past me as well!”

All of a sudden the Lord of the Enigma Chaos roared with laughter as

he stroked his long beard, "Maybe the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Great Goddess Fantian are really formidable. Even this fake Great God Pangu. But we are many. Moreover, it seems that their group is a mixture of Celestials and Immortals..."

He purposely let it drag and all the others immediately got his point.

The Heavenly King of Furies added coldly, "We can always target the weak members of their group. It is as easy as cutting them up like a piece of tofu."

All the other Heavenly Kings and prime immortals were nodding. It was because their sharp eyes and senses had long alerted them that this new latest arrival had plenty of divine weapons with them. Even though most of their divine weapons were still sheathed but there were no mistaking or hiding the divine animus of their divine weapons. These divine weapons could make a difference in their contest for supremacy and were in weak hands!

The Great Insight Heavenly King nodded, "Don't forget that we are all contesting for the ultimate prize, the Flower of Life! I am careless earlier and let down my guard."

Old Man Xuantian said, "I have never tasted the heart of a Desolate Immortal yet, let alone a Great Goddess."

The Jade Emperor said solemnly, "Xuantian, you have to get past me first."

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly, "Are you out of your group? Have you forgotten that these immortals hate you and can't wait to rip you apart? Have you forgotten what you have done in the Immortal Realm in the past?"

The Jade Emperor coughed weakly, "Even then, I will still want to kill Yun Dingzhong and you with my hands. I can never forget the way Xiaoqie died. Even if I were to perish today, I will not let the two of you off."

Yun Dingzhong laughed coldly, "Do you think that you are able to deal

with the two of us at the same time? Even if you are now a Seventh Ranked Immortal, you are not able to deal with us at the same time. We know your weakness only too well!”

All of a sudden there was a shout from the Goddess Asura, “You! You kill my sister!”

The Jade Emperor coughed, “Asura, no! Don’t come over!”

Lele had also rushed behind the Goddess Asura as she raised her long scythe, “Grandpa, you are not alone!”

The Lord of the Enigma Chaos shouted, “What are you all waiting for?”

At almost same time, the entire hallway exploded into pandemonium as everyone began to display their offensive and defensive stances at the same time, as the Heavenly Kings flashed to attack Yi Ping and his group!

# Chapter 214: Deadly Duels

A dozen attackers had immediately sped to attack Yi Ping and his group and their movements were all dazzling fast!

The Lord of the Enigma Chaos retorted, "We will like to see how many can you hope to save!"

Yi Ping was immediately alarmed and at the same time, the Great Insight Heavenly King gave a wicked laughter as he exploded a wave of martial force onto Yi Ping which sent him knocking backward!

He immediately retaliated with several bursts of sword energies at the Great Insight Heavenly King!

The Great Insight Heavenly King simply imploded the sword energies into nothingness with his sword but not before exclaiming with shock, "You know the Flawless Sword Energies?"

But before Yi Ping could see where the Great Insight Heavenly King was heading to, he was attacked on three sides by at least six Heavenly Kings!

Xian'Er gasped as she attacked the two Heavenly Kings who were attacking Yi Ping, "Ping'Er!"

But Yi Ping turned to the others behind him as he shouted panicky, "Everyone! Group yourself in three and don't come near me! Form the Celestial..."

Yi Ping was amused as he left his last remarks unfinished. It was because he wanted to ask everyone to form the Celestial Star Formation but he had suddenly realized that not everyone knows how to form the Celestial Star Formation, "Look at me, I am so silly. I am becoming more like Lele!"

The Lord of the Enigma Chaos had flashed towards Han Lin and the Goddess Aiel with startling speed as he rained ten bursts of explosive forces onto them!

With just a look, he knew that they were among the weakest of the group!

Aiel was startled as she raised her divine sword to defend herself while Han Lin did the same!

Aiel was thinking, “Is this the end of me now? Is love so hard for me to attain? Yi Ping...”

Han Lin was also startled as she made a feeble attempt to defend herself. It was because she was aware of the martial prowess of these first generation immortals. If they wanted them dead, to them it was a really simple thing!

Han Lin was almost in tears as she saw the Lord of the Enigma Chaos and several others tearing through the defenses of their group. She knew instantly that they were aiming for Aiel and her. Against these opponents, they were totally helpless to defend themselves!

She muttered her last prayer, “Yi Ping, I know that I don’t deserve you. Not even your tiny attention. I want to say to you all this while...I love you...farewell...Yi Ping...”

The Lord of the Enigma Chaos smirked wickedly as he flashed onto Aiel and Han Lin with his long black spear from an unhindered position as he shouted, “You two little damsels are not fit to wield your divine swords. Why not give me to melt it into a superior heavenly relic to aid my divinity progress!”

Just as the Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were grasping panicky at their imminent doom, Yi Ping had flashed just in time between them to intercept the Lord of the Enigma Chaos with a startling martial impact with his Fantian Sovereign Sword and the Celestial Alice Sword!

The Lord of the Enigma Chaos was thrown back by the sudden appearance of Yi Ping as he crashed on the wall behind him with a thunderous impact!

He gasped in disbelief, “What the heck!”

It was because just a moment ago, Yi Ping was being tied down by four other Heavenly Kings and he was astonished by how fast Yi Ping was able to break free from his encirclement!

Aiel and Han Lin gasped with heartfelt emotions, “Yi Ping!”

At this very instant, Aiel and Han Lin took a step forward and would almost fly straight into his embrace. It took them considerable effort to restraint their throbbing heart!

But Yi Ping did not turn around. Instead he had engaged the Lord of the Enigma Chaos immediately and their clashes erupted thunderously in the hall!

Aiel pursed her lips as she muttered, “I am so useless. I am an immortal with a divine sword. I live in vain all these years...”

Han Lin chuckled, “You mean you have slept in vain all these years...”

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The Heavenly King of Furies was furious, really furious!

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess laughed softly, “Are you trying to hit me or are you trying to hit her? If you are trying to hit me then you must be terribly bad at it.”

But even before the Heavenly King of Furies could answer her, he was struck by several sword thrusts of the Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix!

He quickly turned his sword to unleash dozens of sword energies implosions on her but she blinked out of his way in an instant!

Xingyue struck him another blow on his back as she said coldly, “Only Yi Ping can touch me. Not you!”

He was astonished at how fast this maiden could move and executed her moves!

He could only gasp before he was struck by both Ye Yin and Shen Xingyue at the same time, “Who are the two of you...”

Ye Yin spat as she gave him a sudden slap, “You think you are fit to know my name?”

The Heavenly King of Furies was stunned by the sudden painful slap. This slap was not really painful but the fact it had breached his natural

defenses stunned him and he had recognized this martial force as the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem!

He gasped with shock, “How did you know the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem? Do you know the Martial Emperor Heavenly King?”

And the strength of her Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem was not beneath the Martial Emperor Heavenly King!

Indeed Ye Yin had quickly reached the highest level of the Martial Emperor Unifying Theorem due to her acute energy sense!

Ye Yin replied, “He is my grandson!”

The Heavenly King of Furies was furious as he exercised his real martial strength, “Rubbish! By provoking me, you are only playing with fire!”

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The Great Insight Heavenly King was startled by the stubborn retaliations of the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and Skylord Jun!

No sooner had he engaged one, the other three would engage him fiercely to save the other!

There were several thunderous impacts as the Great Insight Heavenly King clashed with the Ultrapowerful Force of the Universal Old Man, the sword techniques of the Immortal Saint of the Swords, the fighting stances of the Lord Supreme and the Skylord Jun!

The Great Insight Heavenly King laughed coldly as he sent them flying, “The four of you must be the top fighters of the Celestial Realm and the Immortal Realm. But it is a pity, I am no ordinary immortal. Honestly speaking, you are not even close to the Goddess Celestial Alice or the Goddess Isa. Your resistances are futile...”

Skylord Jun hummed coldly as he coughed out blood, “So...what takes you so long then to settle us...then...”

The Immortal Saint of Swords sundered the vicinity with his sword energies and deadly sword strokes but those had no effect on the Great

Insight Heavenly King!

Even the Lord Supreme, the strongest Celestial in the Celestial Realm was also faltering!

The Universal Old Man was slammed onto the ground as his protective martial force was broken with just a single hit from the Great Insight Heavenly King. He was muttering almost incoherent, “My Heavenness, Yi Ping...to think that I will meet my end today...”

He knew that it was due to the fierce resistances that were put up by the four of them that they had survived so far.

There was a little tear in his eyes as he suddenly remembered the Lady Winter Plum, “She is really a lovely lady...now it is too late...”

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Youxue, Yunzi and Lingfeng had grouped together to face an old man with long whiskers.

They were perspiring and were helpless against him.

This old man with long whiskers was laughing jovially, “It is futile to fight against me. Little beauties, why don’t the three of you join my harem? I, the Crescent Heavenly King will surely treat you well!”

Lingfeng the Heavenness gasped as she flashed next to him to deliver dozens of strokes, “Shameless!”

The Crescent Heavenly King laughed jovially as he parried her secret sword strokes with his hands, “You may be the loveliness but you also have a quick temper. This is really no good for your future attainment...”

Lingfeng was furious as she gave him a powerful kick to the left but it was quickly blocked with just a simple gesture from the Crescent Heavenly King.

Yunzi flashed next to Lingfeng as she executed a flying sword on the Crescent Heavenly King and her divine sword struck the body of the Crescent Heavenly King before it rebounded and landed with a thunderous impact on the ground!



She gasped with shock and disbelief, “His body is as hard as steel!”

The Crescent Heavenly King laughed, “Little beauty, your sword skill and techniques are indeed formidable. But it is a pity that you are just a lowly Celestial while I am a mighty immortal...”

Just as he was laughing haughtily, Youxue had slashed his face and drawing blood with a golden flash of light as she materialized the Nine Cauldron Divine Sword!

The Crescent Heavenly King was startled as he touched his face as he stared at Youxue, “What is your sword?”

But when he saw the shimmering golden sword that was in her hand, he quickly recognized it as one of the ancient desolate artefacts that existed since time memorial, “This is the Divine Nine Cauldron? How did you come to possess it?”

As he tried to grab the Nine Cauldron Divine Sword from her, his hand was scorched. He was shocked that his impervious protective force could be burnt by the divine animus of the Divine Nine Cauldron just like this!

Youxue said, “You must think that we are all weaklings but today, you will pay for the price of offense!”

The Crescent Heavenly King quickly mustered his internal strength as he launched dozens of martial projectiles on her but Youxue dispersed his attacks with a swing of her sword.

Youxue said coldly, “Is that the best you can do? You don’t dare to come close to me?”

The Crescent Heavenly King roared with anger, “I don’t dare to come close to you? Little beauty, I just don’t want to hurt you. But you have really provoked me!”

With just a flash, he had skipped past the relentless attacks that were coming from Lingfeng and Yunzi, appearing next to Youxue in the next instant!

He had appeared in the blind spot of her sword attacks to say coldly to

her, “I am appreciative of your mesmerizing beauty but you are leaving me with no choice!”

In the next second, he had slammed onto her with his huge hand!

But Youxue had quickly retaliated with her hand and there was a sudden explosive force that sent both of them backward!

The Crescent Heavenly King was startled as he stumbled three steps back as he stammered with shock, “The Great Desolate Force?! You are a Desolate Immortal?”

Youxue said coldly, “Hmph! Isn’t it too late to realize your folly now?”

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The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King said coldly, “We have met again. You are Alice and you are Isa. How many years have it been?”

This was not a question at all. He obviously knew them well.

Alice answered calmly, “Ten thousand years.”

Isa was quiet as she gripped her divine sword, not making a move.

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King nodded, “The Goddess Theocracy is one of the first immortal clans in the lofty Nine Heavens. Your position in the Immortal Realm is unique among the immortals. You are the high priestess of the Great Pangu and holder of the mysteries of the Stellar Sanctuary. Many immortals have courted you and you did not yield.”

Alice gave a simple nod.

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King said, “Do you still remember the purpose of our existence?”

Alice replied, “To transcend to the forbidden realm of the Eternal.”

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King nodded, “And now we are all here. You are going to oppose us? Have you forgotten the reason why we have opposed the Jade Emperor?”

Alice said coldly, “That is another matter. I am still opposed to him. Without my permission, any immortals that trespassed upon the Stellar

Sanctuary will be punishable by death.”

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King smiled coldly, “Really? You have indeed grown stronger since the last time that we have met. Your immortal sword may give you the strength to contest most of the immortals and even the equal of the lesser Heavenly Kings. But without the full strength of the Goddess Theocracy backing you, even if you have already attained the Seventh Immortal Positioning, do you think that you have a chance to contest against me?”

The Goddess Isa said coldly as she flashed her newly acquired Dragon Silver Robe, “Why don’t you try the strength of our Seventh Immortal Positioning beforehand instead of wasting your breath with us? Or are you afraid of meeting the same fate as the Old Dragon Heavenly Sage?”

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King asked solemnly, “He is dead now?”

Isa replied calmly as though she was undeterred by the commotions around her, “Indeed.”

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King merely gave a nod as he materialized his divine sword in his hands, “Brother Ouyang (Old Dragon Heavenly Sage), to think that you have met your end here against this puny group. I really cannot believe it.”

The Goddess Celestial Alice said quietly, “It seems that you are determined to avenge him.”

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King smiled wryly, “That is needless to say. Alice, I wonder how your Mystic Stratosphere will fare against my Life Catastrophe Divine Skill?”

Alice took a deep breath as she closed her eyes, “Isa, I need your help...”

Isa said knowingly, “So you are prepared to unleash the seventh seal of your Astronomic Eulogy Divine Sword?”

Alice muttered, “Our opponent is too calm and a calm opponent is a dangerous opponent...”

Isa gritted her teeth as she stared coldly at the Tribute Emperor

Heavenly King before she cursed softly.

The Tribute Emperor Heavenly King said, “Have you say your last already? My divine sword is the Dark Catastrophe. Today, I am going to drink your blood to quench my thirst and further my attainment with your heart...”

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The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was knocked back by the furious blows of the Great Khan Heavenly King and the Undeniable Heavenly King!

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were also swept aside at the same time!

The Great Khan Heavenly King roared with laughter, “For a moment, I have thought that you should have improved somehow since you have attained the Seventh Immortal Position. But you are such a disappointment.”

The Undeniable Heavenly King delivered dozens of blows on the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess that forced her to take several steps backward as he amused, “You are just as weak as ever!”

But when he tried to strike her again, a figure blocked his attacks that forced him to scramble backward in a hurry!

A handsome man had stood in his way and at the same time he had also forced the Great Khan Heavenly King to scurry backward!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess gasped, “You have come to help me?”

Indeed it was none other than the Ancient Heavenly Sage King!

He said solemnly, “Even if I am the most iron hearted of man but I cannot allow anyone to bully you!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess was delighted and was extremely touched. Her eyes were beaming as she said excitedly, “I know that you will not leave me in a lurch...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er looked at each other. It was because they could see

from the eyes of the Ancient Heavenly Sage King that he was fond of the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess yet he had carefully avoided eye contact with her.

Yu'Er had suddenly recollected the times when she was the Eclipse Heavenly Goddess. Her situation with the White Sage was the same as the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess...

Mei'Er was also beaming as she whispered almost incoherently, "Don't make the same mistake as we did with the White Sage..."

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The Jade Emperor, the Goddess Asura, Lele, Yi Si, Ye Ling, the Celestial Liege and the Martial Sage had joined hands against Old Man Xuantian, Yun Dingzhong and four other Heavenly Kings!

Lie Qing had also joined in to help Lele as she forced her way through the confusion!

She was dazzling with her nine hovering discs around her!

The other Heavenly Kings were gasping, "The Invincible Divine Force!"

The Celestial Liege gasped, "Qing'Er..."

But he was quickly interrupted by Lie Qing who did not even turn to look at him, "I am not here to help you but to help my sister and niece. You should treasure Ye Ling with all your heart. Yi Ping is my soulmate now. If he is the boundless sky then I am his vast earth. Till the oceans dry and the rocks crumble to dust, I will only have him in my heart."

She quickly flashed away as she engaged a Heavenly King, knocking him out of the way with a thunderous implosion.

The Celestial Liege was startled that Lie Qing's martial strength now surpassed several of the Heavenly Kings and could even matched Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong!

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The Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang was fighting alongside with Xian'Er against three other Heavenly Kings who had surrounded them while the

Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa too, was faced with three other Heavenly Kings.

These six Heavenly Kings were startled by the martial strength of the Celestial Fairy Xian'Er and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as they were beaten back repeatedly!

Xiang mused to herself, "Why is that I am feeling that I am being used as a bait against these Heavenly Kings?"

But at the same time she knew that the Celestial Fairy and Nuwa were also protecting her against the powerful Heavenly Kings that were randomly picking targets to attack.

# Chapter 215: The Secret Lore of the Immortals

The Jade Emperor was fighting furiously alone against Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King and Yun Dingzhong the Great Ascetic Heavenly King at the same time.

Their exchanges were so fierce that none of the others could really approach them as they crashed onto the monument walls and leaving behind structural damages!

Lele, Lie Qing, Asura, the Celestial Liege, the Martial Sage, Yi Si and Ye Ling were not able to aid the Jade Emperor as they were fighting against four other Heavenly Kings at the same time!

Very quickly, Ye Ling and the Martial Sage had sustained serious injuries and had collapsed on the ground as ripples of martial force exploded around them!

The Martial Sage was trembling as he coughed out blood, "My golden body was broken so quickly. I am such a disgrace...Xian'Er..."

The Celestial Liege shouted, "Ye Ling!"

But because of this distraction, a Heavenly King seized the opportunity to deliver a crashing blow on his left shoulder that sent him flunking backward like an arrow!

This Heavenly King was actually the Nirvana Heavenly Queen who hummed coldly, "So this is your Celestial Force? Compare to the Jade Emperor, it is too puny!"

The Celestial Liege coughed out blood and knew that his left shoulder was broken by her hit!

Because of this, their tight formation was breeched and they were in danger of being overwhelmed in the next instant!

Lie Qing gasped but she was being flanked by two Heavenly Kings and was barely able to fend for herself!

Even the Goddess Asura was on the defensive against the two other Heavenly Kings who switched between Lele, Lie Qing, Yi Si and her!

Lie Qing knew that they were now facing four Heavenly Kings and they were in mortal dangers. All the others were engaged and even Yi Ping was running to and fro to assist the others!

She could only shout panicky to Lele, "Now is not the time to be on the defensive!"

Lele gritted her teeth as she evaded out of the way of a Heavenly King before she raised her shimmering Divine Echo to implode the vicinity with several energy projectiles, "I am trying..."

Yi Si whispered, "Mother, don't worry about me. I am just a burden..."

Lele beamed with tears, "No, you are not!"

One of the four Heavenly Kings, the Heavenly Pagoda King said. "We are not as malevolent as the other Heavenly Kings or else we would have wiped out your group. Be wise and give up your futile resistances. We are only opposing the Jade Emperor for breaking the sacred agreement..."

Asura hummed coldly as she lifted her Symphony of Destiny to strike him but he caught her blow with both his hands crossed over his head!

This gesture caused the Heavenly Pagoda King to bend his knees as his surroundings exploded with both their divine forces!

But the Heavenly Pagoda King was otherwise unharmed as he cursed, "Asura! Why are you on the side of the Jade Emperor? Have you forgotten that we are on the same side previously? You, who are one of the hundred and eight holy of holiness is destined to inherit the mantle of the Great Goddess, how dare you raise your weapon against the Kings of Heavens? Are you mad?!!"

Asura replied coldly, "Yes I am indeed mad. I want to fight all of you from the very start but the Jade Emperor has stopped me. I have bade my time ever since. Just because the Jade Emperor broke the sacred love and have loved my sister, you want to remove him? What about the chaos that ensured after the ousting of the Jade Emperor? Or do you want me to



say that all of you are only concern who is the one that should be the next emperor of the Immortal Realm?”

The Heavenly Pagoda King was startled, “The Regalia Fairy is your sister? But she is just a lowly immortal...”

Asura interrupted, “Indeed she is my sister! So what if she is just a lowly immortal? In my eyes, she is my esteem sister!”

At the beginning of time, they were birth from the same heavenly essence and from the same vein. But their destinies were very different. The Goddess Asura was the stronger of the two and was an immortal of the fifth immortal positioning. But her sister, the Regalia Fairy Xiaoqie was only of the second immortal positioning and could never ascend to the upper heavens.

But they were very close and shared the same bond despite the vast distances.

Time passed, the Goddess Asura was initiated to the Goddess Theocracy and was appointed as one of the hundred and eight holy of holiness. As for her sister, she was appointed the Regalia Fairy of the Second Heavens and she too, was initiated into the Goddess Theocracy.

But the destiny of her sister soon changed when she accidentally bumped into the Jade Emperor in the lofty mountains of the Second Heavens. At that time, the Regalia Fairy did not know who he was and all she knew was that he was undertaking his cultivations in these mountains. He did not tell her who he was either but she knew that he must be a highly attained immortal for she had never seen anyone as aged and as wise as him.

She was soon very impressed by him and she began to visit him daily to enquiry the mysteries of the heavens. It was because she longed to visit her sister who was in the Seventh Heavens.

But one day, he simply left and her heart was filled with an empty void.

Time once again passed, she was summoned to the Heavenly Palace of the Second Heavens to attend to the entourage of the Jade Emperor. It was

only then that she finally knew that he was none other than the Emperor of the Encompassing Heavens, the Jade Emperor!

The Jade Emperor had naturally recognized her and knew that her heart was faltering. He advised her to cultivate the way and avoided the matters of the heart.

But the Regalia Fairy was undeterred, "That is my personal affairs. You shouldn't probe into my heart. If I have transgressed the sacred laws then it is you who has caused it. I am undeterred. As long as the heavens and the earth stand, my heart will never change!"

The Jade Emperor was startled by her reply and her haunting words that made a lasting impression on him.

Since then he did his best to avoid her but whenever he was in the Second Heavens, he would think of her. Eventually, they did meet again and were not able to contain their passions for each other.

Their ill-fated rendezvous were discovered by the others. The Great Ascetic Heavenly King Yun Dingzhong and the Dark Primordial Heavenly King Old Man Xuantian seized the opportunity to use the Regalia Fairy to oust the Jade Emperor.

In that fateful ousting, the Regalia Fairy had chosen to sacrifice herself rather than be humiliated or used by them to threaten the Jade Emperor.

No one really knew what happened on that fateful day but it was said that the Jade Emperor was also killed.

That was what the Goddess Asura was led to believe.

From that day on, the first of the immortal wars waged among the immortal factions and clans to determine the next emperor of the Immortal Realm.

This first immortal realm lasted for a long time until one day, the Great Goddess Fantian forcefully summoned all the Heavenly Kings and the first generation immortals to the Divinity Mountains of the Ninth Heavens!

The Heaven Kings knew that their actions had provoked the ire of the mysterious Great Goddess Fantian at which none of them had ever seen before!

Their hearts trembled because they knew that the Great Goddess Fantian was mythology goddess of the immortals, their life giver and in the secret lore of the first generation immortals was also a Ninth Positioning Immortal!

Summoned by the Great Goddess Fantian, all the Heavenly Kings were never seen again by the rest of the immortals until recently!

That was because the Great Goddess Fantian had sealed them with the Seal of Heavens, an infinity prison that they could not break free for exactly ten thousand years!

From that time onward, the Immortal Realm was split into many factions. Three of the most powerful factions were the Zen Immortals, the Arhat Immortals and the Autonomous Immortals!

Later on, the Arhat Immortals and many of the Autonomous Immortals would lose a war with the Zen Immortals for supremacy of the Immortal Realms, paving the way for the Zen Immortals that was led by the Eternal Goddess the Goddess Celestial Alice of the Goddess Theocracy to dictate the affairs of the Immortal Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Lower Realm!

But now the Heavenly Kings were all back and they were just in time to witness the appearance of the Stellar Sanctuary!

Naturally most of them were powerful enough to forcefully descend to the Celestial Realm to seek the mysteries of the Stellar Sanctuary for themselves and had an opportunity to inherit the mantle of the Great God Pangu!

If they could obtain the power of the Great God Pangu then naturally they would be the next emperor of the Immortal Realm and not even the Great Goddess Fantian could be able to seal them any longer!

Moreover, they knew that the Great Goddess Fantian was no longer

around now. That was because there was a heavy price to use the Seal of Heavens; it was a self-sacrificing blood act!

And they knew that the Great Goddess Fantian was no more because they had all felt the pain of her demise in their hearts. As first generation immortals, they were the closest to perfect and were like the children of the Great Goddess Fantian.

Before the Great Goddess Fantian departed, she had appeared to the Western Paradise Heavenly King to say. “Among all the Heavenly Kings, you may be the most combative but you are also the most unmoved. Your heart seeks not the glory of things, not of the fleeing proudness of men but you are haughty in your own ways. Therefore I shed my divine veil for you so that you will know who I am. So that when the Great God Pangu finally descends into this world again, you will be shown true enlightenment and your attainment will greatly increase among your brethren. So know this...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King stuttered, “Great Goddess Fantian, please enlighten me! Teach and instruct me what to do and I will be faithful...”

The Great Goddess Fantian said, “This is what you must do...impart your Golden Invincible Force...”

And she said again, “In time to come, you will find yourself a worthy disciple in this maiden. She may be haughty and difficult to discipline but her heart is pure. She will give her heart and love only for the Great God Pangu. She will aid the one and only Great God Pangu...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was startled, “The one and only Great God Pangu...”

The Great Goddess Fantian nodded gently, “He is the beginning and the end. There is only one true Great God Pangu. He will be back eventually but...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King murmured after her, “But?...”

The Great Goddess Fantian did not reply for a long while. Finally she

seemed to look to the Heavens with a heavy heart, “But I may not be around by then. I do not have his great wisdom or has his noble heart or else I won’t be using such a foolish way to resolve this crisis. Even a Great Goddess is not able to weave a thousand years in the future, let alone ten thousand years...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King could feel her melancholy heart and he was trembling!

He felt like tearing his hair and wailed for the sorrows of the Great Goddess Fantian was terrible to bear!

But at the same time, all his strength had departed from him!

The Great Goddess Fantian’s eyes were melancholy and so was her voice but she quickly said to comfort the Western Paradise Heavenly King, “I have already chosen my successor. She will be the next Great Goddess Fantian if my soul cannot be reincarnated from the Great Beyond. She will take my place to love the Great God Pangu. She will be able to recognize him immediately...because my divine tear is in her heart. Her soul will be beautiful. I have watched over her when she is small...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was shaking all over but he managed to squeeze the last ounce of his strength out to tremble out weakly, “Who...is she?...May...I know her...name?...”

The Great Goddess Fantian lit a smile, “She is the...Heaveness!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King gasped her name, “The...Heaveness!...How...do...I know...recognize...her...”

But the Great Goddess Fantian was no more. Her divine spirit was lit up by divine fire and her spirit had scattered into millions of tiny glowing divine sparks!

From that day onward, all the first immortals were sealed by the Great Goddess Fantian except for the Jade Emperor who escaped the judgement of the Seal of the Heavens.

Except for the Western Paradise Heavenly King, none of them had any

opportunity to witness the divine likeness of the Great Goddess Fantian. That was because the tremendous gap between them and the Great Goddess Fantian was exceedingly!

Most of the Heavenly Kings were in the Sixth Immortal Positioning. To reach the Seventh Immortal Positioning required an almost impossible amount of time and enlightenment. Even Alice took more than ten thousand years of perfect cultivation to attain it!

Therefore, one can imagine the vast trek between the Seventh Immortal Positioning and the Eighth Immortal Positioning!

And the Eighth and the Ninth Immortal Positioning!

Time may be a prerequisite to further the immortal practitioner's attainment but this was different from attaining enlightenment. The higher the immortal ranking was, the more difficult to fathom attain perfect enlightenment in the next immortal ranking!

That required nothing short of a miracle beyond the Sixth Immortal Positioning!

That was why earlier when the Heavenly Kings realized that the Jade Emperor and the Western Paradise Heavenly King were the first of the first generation immortals to attain the Seventh Positioning, they were in disbelief and were startled!

Or else with so many opposing Heavenly Kings uniting to fight against the Jade Emperor and the Western Paradise Heavenly King, it was impossible for them to persist for so long till the arrival of Yi Ping and his group!

And they were further shocked to find out that there were more practitioners of the Seventh and Eighth Immortal Positioning in this newly arrival group!

Naturally, Yi Ping's group caused all the fighting factions to unite. It was because it was obvious that his group posed a great threat to them in obtaining the Flower of Life!

At the moment, another Heavenly King, the Marshal Heavenly King

with a kick and a blow had quickly sent Asura to scurry backward as he shouted, “How dare you a group of acephalous mob even dream of contesting against us for the Flower of Life! This is unthinkable in the past!”

The Goddess Asura gasped for breath as she slide several steps backward with sudden explosive impact for every step that she had taken before she finally hummed coldly, “In the past, it is indeed unthinkable! Even though you are a first generation immortal but you are struck in the Sixth Immortal Positioning while I am on the Seventh Immortal Positioning now! I am afraid that it may take you a while to defeat even an acephalous mob such as me. Shame on you!”

The Marshal Heavenly King was furious as he blinked instantly upon her in the next instant as he rained down dozens of explosive tremendous blows, with a dozen strikes that landed on the Goddess Asura despite her best efforts to defend herself with her divine staff!

He shouted, “Do you even know what is the Flower of Life in the first place?! You are just a lowly immortal! Do you even know what is the true purpose of the Stellar Sanctuary in the first place?!”

The Goddess Asura coughed out a bout of golden blood but she continued to fight back with defiance in her eyes, “I do not know? Then do you know?”

The Marshal Heavenly King shouted angrily, “I do not know? Rubbish! The Flower of Life is the genesis of life and it is the true map of the Stellar Sanctuary! And the true purpose of the Stellar Sanctuary...”

All of a sudden the Heavenly Pagoda King flashed next to the Marshal Heavenly King and interrupted his next strike on the Goddess Asura as he looked into him coldly, “You have said too much! You shouldn’t have revealed it. They do not know a thing!”

The Goddess Asura, Lele, Lie Qing, the Celestial Liege and Yi Si were startled at the new revelations.

Asura quickly muttered, “The genesis of life? The true map of the Stellar Sanctuary? The true purpose of the Stellar Sanctuary?...”

# Chapter 216: The Divine Avant Sword

There were columns after columns of pillars in this vast hall and in the middle the brilliant stellar light of the Flower of Life lit the entire hall like the noon sun.

But no one dared to approach the Flower of Life yet!

It was because no one was confident of deciphering the powerful celestial formation that was in the middle yet and a wrong move could bring upon their own annihilation!

They knew because some of them had been here for almost one month and several of the Heavenly Kings had already been pulverized because they were in a hurry to obtain the Flower of Life ahead of the others!

Moreover at this pressing moment, they had to get rid of their opponents first!

Now everyone was fighting their own battles as they spread out between the pillars as they maneuvered against their opponents!

At this time, Xian'Er was fighting against three other Heavenly Kings on her own!

The Mars Heavenly King was tossed upside down and was hurled onto the ground with a rippling crushing impact by Xian'Er!

Disbelief greeted him as he refused that time and time again, he could not even handle ten strokes from her!

He howled angrily as he mustered his strength again, shaking the vicinity with his explosive martial force, "I can't believe that the three of us cannot even handle her!"

In the same instant, the ground around her was fluttering with piercing ice and frost that were so bitter cold that its mere touch burnt through the inertia protective force of the three Heavenly Kings in the form of hissing condensation!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King raised his Divine Avant Sword as he



clashed with Xian'Er, "This is the Heavenly Tear Divine Sword? Do you know that this is the divine sword of the Great Goddess Fantian? Just because you have the Heavenly Tear Divine Sword, you dare to proclaim yourself as the Great Goddess Fantian?! Just who are you? Why is that I have never seen you before?"

Xian'Er raised her divine sword as she parried several times against the Avant-garde Heavenly. At the same time she raised her fingers in rapid succession as she fought against the encircling attack of the Mars Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King.

Lifting her phoenix eyes, she answered with great composure. "I do not have to proclaim to be Fantian. I am Fantian!"

The Avant-garde Heavenly King shouted angrily, "How dare you address the Great Goddess Fantian by her name directly!"

The Mars Heavenly King shouted, "Why do you need to say the obvious? Since she is with the one that proclaims herself to be a Desolate Immortal then surely she must be our enemy as well!"

The Formosa Heavenly King shouted, "Unlike that Nuwa, she doesn't have the Desolate Force. But no matter, she is just one and we are three now. It is just a matter of time before we can corner her! So what are we waiting for?"

The Avant-garde Heavenly King hummed coldly to the Formosa Heavenly King as he took a step back, "Who are you to command me? I fight as I please and that is none of your business."

The Mars Heavenly King was now taking the blunt of Xian'Er blows as she had seized the opportunity to recover when the other two Heavenly Kings had suddenly paused in their tracks to argue. So he cursed aloud, "Our fates lie as one now. Stop talking! Hurry up and give me a lending hand!"

"An opening!" Xian'Er thought as she flashed like a rising phoenix from where she was standing as she displayed intrigue stokes after one another that was aimed at the Mars Heavenly King!

The Mars Heavenly King raised his battle axe to block her sword thrusts as he scurried backward but Xian'Er had totally switched to an offensive stance as she flashed forward with her body and with a dazzling blink of light, she had struck the forehead of the Mars Heavenly King with her left fingers!

There was a cracking sound and an explosive impact that sent the Mars Heavenly King flying upside down in the air before he slammed on the ground with a thunderous impact!

The Mars Heavenly King coughed out a bout of golden blood. He was in complete disbelief and was stunned!

The forehead was the most guarded and it was almost to attack without giving away an opening!

But this maiden had managed to engage him with her sword and even before her sword stance had ended, she had made another offensive stance with her fingers and had struck him!

Her movements and reflexes were simply too astonishing!

What he did not know was that Xian'Er had been slowly customizing to their movements and attacks. When she noticed that the Mars Heavenly King was momentarily distracted, she had already estimated her opponent's moves to his next hundred possibilities and had taken a calculated move to attack by abandoning her Absolute Defense Stance!

With a wordless cough, the Mars Heavenly King's golden eyes had turned gray and he was left shuddering uncontrollably on the ground. That was because his golden body had been broken through by her!

He wanted to ask her, "What and who exactly are you!" But there was no sound that could be mustered by him!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King were completely stunned as they abandoned their differences and redoubled their attacks on Xian'Er!

Xian'Er swung her sword at an incredible speed as her divine sword seemingly split into dozens of rapid arcs that exploded into sparks as the

Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King made contact with her, startling them!

It seemed that without the Mars Heavenly King to restraint her movements, her attacking speed had suddenly increased!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King shouted, "Be careful! Don't engage her directly! Encircle her!"

The Formosa Heavenly King rubbed the side of his bruised face as he panted, "She...she's strong!"

The Avant-garde Heavenly King grew solemn as he rained upon dozens of thunderous blows on Xian'Er as he gave the Formosa Heavenly King a hint with his fingers.

The Formosa Heavenly King understood his hint immediately. It was because he used to fight alongside the Avant-garde Heavenly King. So he charged at Xian'Er with all his martial power that he could muster. This charge immediately exploded the ground behind him with thunderous impact as he shouted angrily, "Now!"

At the same time the Avant-garde Heavenly King had also charged flashed behind Xian'Er as he charged with all his martial power!

Xian'Er gasped as she did several double flips in split second to avoid the tremendous attacks of the Formosa Heavenly King as the ground around her exploded with the divine power of his attacks!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King had already poised his Divine Avant Sword at her back as he grinned, "We didn't want to use this method on you but you are leaving us with no other choice. Your mistake is to disable the Mars Heavenly King first. Now that he is unable to witness our fight then we are free to use the epitome attacks that we have devised on the other Heavenly Kings..."

Xian'Er heart skipped a beat as she quickly composed herself as she reacted instinctively by readying the Phoenix Charge to charge onto the Formosa Heavenly King with an incredible speed that was so sudden a huge burst of explosion impacted behind her and exploded into the face

of the charging Avant-garde Heavenly King!

In three blink of an eye, Xian'Er, the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King were caught in a deadlock as they exchanged beaming strokes at each other; each stroke of theirs was so powerful that every stroke projected a burst of explosive force that impacted at everything it struck and every arc created deadly beaming sword energies that slashed deeply onto the ground and the pillars!

And in another three blink of an eye, their surroundings had exploded into a mushroom cloud of debris, burning dust storm and glaring exchanges!

And in another three blink of an eye, they had exchanged a hundred strokes altogether that were so rapid that every stroke that were impacted were so resounding that they seemingly became three images of the same stroke!

Their exchanges were so furious that they were all lifted up from the ground as torrential burst of burning debris swept all around them!

But after another three blink of an eye, the strength of the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King began to falter and their momentum weaknesses gave Xian'Er the upper hand as she slashed them repeatedly and sent them flunking on the ground with earthshaking impact!

Xian'Er landed on her tiptoe as she took a deep breath to say, "I don't wish to kill anyone of you so long as you surrender."

The Formosa Heavenly King was trembling as he picked himself up and his posture was no longer upright, "In...the end...we...still lose..."

The Avant-garde Heavenly King coughed weakly as he picked himself up while he lifted his Divine Avant Sword, "I can still...fight..." but all of a sudden, his divine sword shattered into two all of a sudden!

He was stunned and he was trembling uncontrollably!

His grief was evident, "My...sword! My Divine Avant! You...have been with me since the very beginning..."

He wept aloud as he gripped the hilt with outpouring emotions, “My Divine...Avant! You are bestowed to...me...by the...Great Goddess Fantian...I...have failed her...She has appointed me the...Avant-garde...Heavenly King and my divine sword the Divine Avant...because she wants me to be the...vanguard...of the immortals...”

The Formosa Heavenly King clenched his fists as he shook uncontrollably, “Brother! I...will...seize her sword for you!...”

The Avant-garde Heavenly King laughed uncontrollably, “Brother...we have lost...and we have lost terribly...no divine swords can replace my Divine Avant...no more Heavenly Relic can restore her...she is broken and no more...”

Xian’Er interrupted gently, “You are not dead yet. As long as you still live, your Divine Avant can still be restored. So what are you worrying about?”

The Avant-garde Heavenly King laughed maddening, “Big words! What do you know? My Divine Avant is an immortal sword that is created by the Great Goddess Fantian and blessed by her. Except for her, nothing and no one else in the Three Known Realms can restore my divine sword! And she...is no longer...around...now...”

Xian’Er said gently, “Is that so?” as she flashed to seize the Divine Avant from the grasp of the Avant-garde Heavenly King!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King shouted angrily as he stormed at her, “Return my Divine Avant to me!”

But Xian’Er simply sent him flurrying backward with a palm force that caused him to crash thunderously onto the pillar behind him!

This time it seemed that it was much easier to deal with the Avant-garde Heavenly King because his spirits had already been broken and he was just making a senseless charge.

Xian’Er lifted the Divine Avant as she cut her wrist with it, “I remember you. You are forged with my lifeblood and only my lifeblood can you be restored. Receive my blessing again...”

As her blood dripped onto the Divine Avant, it began to glow with a purple animus as it became whole again!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King were stunned!

The Formosa Heavenly King stammered, "Who...are you...?!"

The Avant-garde Heavenly King was stunned, "You...are...really the Great Goddess Fantian?..."

Xian'Er nodded gently as she handed the Divine Avant back to him, "You should know it in your heart. Haven't you learnt enough from your last imprisonment?"

The Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King were startled as they hurriedly fell onto their knees to pay their deference, "Great Mother Fantian, please forgive us!"

Xian'Er said gently, "What past is over. I only ask that you will lend your aid to the Great God Pangu."

The Formosa Heavenly King and the Avant-garde Heavenly King were startled as they looked at each other, "The Great God Pangu? Then he is..."

Xian'Er replied as she scanned the chaos that was still taking place from beyond the pillars, "Yi Ping is none other than the Great God Pangu. His destiny has already leads him here."

She willed herself through the spatial space, "Yi Ping, Nuwa, Lingfeng... can you hear me? Are you alright? Where are you now?"

Nuwa answered almost immediately, "I am alright. Yi Ping is in the thick of battle and he probably cannot hear us. How are things on your side?"

Lingfeng was heard gasping, "I am alright. Yi Ping and the Western Paradise Heavenly King have just aided us...just to let you know. I am with Yunzi and Youxue..."

Xian'Er willed, "I am alright. Lingfeng where are you? Focus your will so

that I can sense where you are. Nuwa, can you and Xiang hold on a little longer?”

Nuwa seemed to chuckle, “Sure I can. But I am not sure about Xiang. After all, there are four of them now. They seemed to be picking on her more than me. I am so bored now. They seem to run here and there. Aren’t they the least tired? All their feints that are thrown at me but they are really going after Xiang first before they strategize against me.”

Xian’Er was secretly anxious for Xiang. It was because the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa seemed to be enjoying the situation than worrying for the others in a similar situation!

She turned aside immediately to say gently to the Formosa Heavenly King and the Avant-garde Heavenly King, “I am going. Rest here first.”

But the Avant-garde Heavenly King gasped out, “Let us go with you! We have almost recovered!”

It was true. The recovery rates of these Heavenly Kings were startling if they could get a breather. Moreover the Avant-grade Heavenly King had regained his fighting spirit once more!

Xian’Er nodded gently as she walked away, “Let’s go!”

The Formosa Heavenly King looked at the Avant-grade Heavenly King as he whispered almost incoherently, “The Great Goddess Fantian is really the most beautiful under the heavens. I am always imagining what the Great Goddess Fantian really looks like...”

The Avant-grade Heavenly King gave him an annoyed look, “Be respectful!”

The Formosa Heavenly King tugged him as he gave him a broad smile, “Hey! Isn’t it you who are always asking me that question?”

# Chapter 217: The True Celestial Alice!

Except for the stellar light that provided a sense of direction; the entire hall was covered with thick plumes of debris, filled with brilliant flares that appeared and disappeared just as suddenly as deafening sounds of endless explosive impacts could be heard resounding throughout the gigantic hall!

The Tribute Heavenly King flashed his Dark Catastrophe as he flanked the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa aside, sending them scurrying backward!

He said coldly, "So is that all you got? Alice? Isa? I am so disappointed. I am expecting more from you."

With another move, he had raised his sword to exchange fourteen explosive strokes with Alice and Isa again before he sent them slamming onto the floor while kicking the Golden Kirin Cub out of the way!

The Golden Kirin Cub moaned softly as it hit the ground with a slamming impact before it remained motionless!

Alice grasped her abdomen as she coughed out blood as she tried to pick herself up, "You...have already attained the Seventh...Immortal Ranking!"

The Goddess Isa was extremely pale and before she could pick herself up, the Tribute Heavenly King had dragged her up by her golden hair as he laughed icily, "For the past ten thousand years, you are not the only ones that have shown improvements. Even though we are all at the Seventh Immortal Rank but there is still a huge gap between us. This is the difference between a first generation immortal and a second generation immortal!"

Alice's wrist was trembling but she mustered all her strength to swing her Astronomic Eulogy at the throat of the Tribute Heavenly King while Isa lifted her Divine Constellation upward at the same time too!

The Tribute Heavenly King raised his divine sword to send the divine



swords of Alice and Isa flying out of the way as he mused, "You may be thinking how brilliant you are in luring me out of the way of your group. However, the truth is that I am unwilling to let the other Heavenly Kings know of my true strength. While I sit on the fence, I am going to have my fun in watching the Jade Emperor and the rest tear themselves apart."

He raised Alice and forcefully kissed her on her lips and did the same to Isa as well, "I am short of a heart of an immortal practitioner of the Seventh Immortal Rank to attain the Eighth Immortal Rank..."

Alice screamed, "You...are a Dark Immortal!"

The Tribute Heavenly King grinned coldly, "Isn't it too late to realize it now?"

Isa kicked the Tribute Heavenly King in fury, "Don't touch me!"

The Tribute Heavenly King laughed coldly, "The two of you are the most beautiful maidens in the Immortal Realm. It will be such a pity to kill the both of you. Unfortunately only one of you can live to join my Unification Plan and the other must die. The first one that begs me will live and get to Dual Celestial with me. So Alice and Isa, quickly decide on your fate now!"

Isa was startled as she gasped breathlessly, "The Unification Plan? You...are with the Ascetic Heavenly King and the...Dark Primordial Heavenly King?"

The Tribute Heavenly King laughed, "I am not only with the Ascetic Heavenly King and the Dark Primordial Heavenly King, I am also with the Lord of the Enigma Chaos and that is not all; I am also their overlord! You may address me as the Dark Catastrophe Emperor!"

He gripped Alice's chin to kiss her violently while moving his hands into her bodice, "Alice, surrender your soul and body to me! Do you know that I have covet you since the beginning!"

Alice struggled weakly as she caught hold of, "I won't...yield! Kill me!"

Isa kept completely quiet as she was completely disgusted by him. She was trembling nonstop as she muttered wordlessly, "Yi Ping...I will not

surrender to anyone but you...”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor smiled coldly, “How strong willed. Then don’t blame me Alice. Why is Isa keeping so quiet? Are you shy? Or are you secretly hoping to become my chosen?”

Isa willed her last remaining strength as she zapped him with a blue streak of thunderous lightning that exploded resoundingly as she gasped, “Fat hope! I will...sooner die than be defiled by you!”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor mused wryly, not affected by the lightning attack. “Your feeble struggle is futile. It is just the two of you. I will break your golden bodies and consume your souls...”

All of a sudden a dark figure was flung from within the dusty debris and was slammed onto the floor with an incredible thunderous impact!

The dark figure landed next to the Dark Catastrophe Emperor and was recognized as the Lord of the Enigma Chaos who crumbled motionless on the ground!

And another figure in white flashed angrily from the thick smog. It was Yi Ping!

He shouted angrily, “Let them go! At once!”

Alice and Isa were startled as they cried out at the same time, “Yi...Yi Ping!”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor was startled as he stared at the motionless Lord of the Enigma Chaos, “What...the...”

Before he could recover from his astonishment, Yi Ping had already drawn his swords on him at an incredible speed that sent him flying backward to slam upside down on the wall with a thunderous impact!

As the Dark Catastrophe Emperor shook himself up from the surprise attack to stare angrily at his attacker, Alice and Isa had already picked up their divine swords as they leaned onto Yi Ping!

The Goddess Celestial Alice looked at lovely dovely at Yi Ping, “You are here!”

The joy in her eyes was unmistakable!

The Goddess Isa was equally elated as she leaned intimately with her bosoms on Yi Ping's left arm, "I know that you will surely come in my darkness hour of need..."

Her eyes were filled with deep moving passions as she looked passionately at him!

Yi Ping replied softly, "I am not so far away. I have heard your cries, Isa. I am sorry that I have come late. I will avenge your honor for you..."

The Goddess Celestial Alice murmured softly too, "And for my honor as well..."

Yi Ping nodded as he tightened his grip on his divine swords in teething rage. It was because for an unknown reason, hurting Alice brought an unspeakable fuming rage in his soul. It was as though he could feel the Dark Chaos Lord in him, reprimanding him of his failure to protect her!

And his failure to protect Alice brought a double guilt in him because Alice was the one that had enlightened him, unsealed the Celestial Alice of the Dark Chaos Lord for him and she had also given his group the precious Negative Core Divine Pills so that they could elevate their attainment as True Celestials!

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor hummed coldly as he flexed his entire strength, "Big words. You may be an Eighth Immortal Positioning immortal but my immortal body is superior to yours. In my eyes, you are only at par with only the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Isa..."

Yi Ping said quietly, "You are a Dark Immortal and have killed countless number of immortals to reach your present attainment. If you have set your heart to seek true enlightenment, you would have attained the same attainment too."

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor said coldly as he flashed to attack Yi Ping, "Then very well then. Since you are here, I will eat your heart instead. As for Alice and Isa, I will make slaves out of them..."

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor had raised his dark sword and with a

blink of an eye had unleashed a torrential of flurrying attacks that were aimed at Yi Ping's critical areas!

Yi Ping did not move an inch; he raised his right hand that was gripping the Fantian Sovereign Sword as he swung his sword to parry dozens of times, causing brilliant bursts of lights to burst thunderously around him!

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor was startled as he thought, "He can see through all my strokes?..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping had swung the Celestial Alice with a flurry of explosive strokes to send the Dark Catastrophe Emperor scurrying backward as flurries of wind blades struck his sword and the impact of this force was so thunderous that it was like a mountain crashing down!

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor was secretly startled as he did not expect his opponent's strength to be so strong!

But even before he could recover from the attacks, six beaming swords out of nowhere had flown out from the swung of Yi Ping's Fantian Sovereign and flew towards him!

Isa clapped, "The Thousand Memories Swords!"

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor shouted thunderously as he raised his sword, "I am impervious to all sword energies!"

The six beaming swords seemed to have swayed as five of the beaming swords exploded with a thunderous impact as the Dark Catastrophe Emperor parried it!

But the sixth beaming sword had struck the left shoulder of the Dark Catastrophe Emperor, exploding thunderous into fragments of blades as smothering plumes rose from the thunderous explosion!

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor took a step back as he looked over the broken blade that was struck in his left shoulder and was further startled, "This is a real sword!?!"

All of a sudden there was a malevolent dark flash in the eyes of the Dark Catastrophe Emperor!

Alice had caught this malevolent dark flash and was alarmed. She quickly said to Yi Ping panicky, “Yi Ping, hurry and merged the Fantian Sovereign with your Celestial Alice before it is too late. You must slay him now...”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor shook with anger, “This is already too late! I will never let you forget the price for injuring me!”

All of a sudden a dark aura seemed to have surrounded him as his dark sword seemed to grow even longer, as long as the Goddess Isa’s divine sword!

Isa gasped, “Too late! That is his Desolate Heavenly Relic!”

Yi Ping was startled, “The Desolate Heavenly Relic?”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor laughed and his voice had suddenly increased a great many multitude, shaking the vicinity. “You must be surprised that I am in possession of an ancient desolate artefact. This is my true strength. Not to worry, I won’t let you die so easily.”

While he was saying, zapping electricity and powerful fluxes of energy vortexes had gathered around him!

Yi Ping panicky said to Alice and Isa as he mustered seven beaming golden discs around him, “Stay behind me!”

But he had made no attempt to merge the Fantian Sovereign and the Celestial Alice together!

Alice caught hold of his fingers as she trembled with a smile, “This... feeling. Don’t tell me you have...”

Yi Ping nodded lightly, “The Celestial Alice is finally whole now. The Celestial Antonym Alice and Celestial Synonym Alice will never be separated again. I have merged their sanctorum abilities into one now...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice appeared to be extremely moved while the Goddess Isa was startled to see the trembling emotions that accompanied for she had never seen Alice in such an emotional state!

Isa murmured, “Alice?”

Alice was beaming with tears as she grasped Yi Ping's hands to her bosoms as she said with great melancholy, "Yes! The Celestial Alice is finally whole and so is my heart as well!"

At this moment only Yi Ping and Alice were able to understand the significant of the whole Celestial Alice!

That was because Alice had aided the Dark Chaos Lord to re-forged his two swords into divine swords at a costly price to her own attainment. Later on, she would seal the two Celestial Alices as one again and only the true Dark Chaos Lord would be able to unseal the Celestial Alice!

But that was not all. The Goddess Celestial Alice had actually placed a second seal on the Celestial Alice; if the Dark Chaos Lord could harmonize perfectly with the Celestial Alice then he could be able to feel her heart desire to unite the Celestial Alice between them as one again because she had already given her heart and soul to him!

And Yi Ping did!

By doing so, the Celestial Alice would never be separated again and their souls would be linked together as one forever!

This new Celestial Alice would also boost the two sanctorum powers of the Celestial Antonym Alice and Celestial Synonym Alice, becoming an immortal sword that could rival the Fantian Sovereign and the Heavenly Tears immortal swords!

Alice muttered with emotional heartfelt, "We...will never be separated again. You have...finally felt my heart..."

Yi Ping was equally emotional as he clasped her hands tightly, "Yes, we will never be separated again..."

Isa muttered, "I am so envious..." But she had actually turned aside to swipe her beaming tears. She said weakly, "Will an immortal cry? I am actually crying for Alice?"

All of a sudden the Dark Catastrophe Emperor had raised his dark sword to hurl dozens of speeding energy projectiles onto Yi Ping!

Yi Ping had immediately raised the Fantian Sovereign to parry one of the energy projectiles which immediately exploded like a brilliant nova over him and the impact was so violent that it seemed that the entire floor was shifting!

And Alice and Isa were thrown back by the first nova explosion as they were flung with thunderous impact as they hit the walls!

Isa and Alice gasped at the same time, "Yi Ping!"

Even before the first nova explosion had settled, dozens of nova explosions were already exploding on Yi Ping as more and more energy projectiles flew at incredible speed on him!

When the dozens of energy projectiles had settled, a dark figure was still standing in the midst of the burning air and seven discs of golden wisps could still be seen hovering around him!

In the next moment, Yi Ping's scarlet eyes and his golden animus with nine encircling golden dragons could be seen flashing briefly!

This was Yi Ping's Golden Impervious Body, the Golden Invincible Force and the Nine Divine Golden Dragons of his Dark Emperor Robe!

The ground around Yi Ping was completely leveled to a depth of a metre except for where he was standing!

Yi Ping said coldly, "Is that the best that you can do?"

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor was stunned, "Impossible!"

It was because the destruction that he had caused was enough to level even a mountain and could even damage the impervious floor of the Stellar Sanctuary!

He had unleashed sixty energy projectiles in a blink of an eye and every single energy projectiles were parried aside by this Yi Ping!

And what's more, this Yi Ping had withstood sixty most destructive blasts that could move the mountains without even flinching!

Yi Ping murmured as he summoned another two hovering golden discs, "You have come to the Stellar Sanctuary to claim the Essential Righteous

Energy of the Great God Pangu?...”

Isa was so startled when she saw that there were nine hovering golden wisps around Yi Ping now that she gasped excitingly, “Yi Ping has advanced his Golden Invincible Force to the Ninth Level!”

Yi Ping continued, “But do you know that I have already claimed the Essential Righteous Energy right at the very start?”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor bellowed maddening, “Rubbish! No one will be able to obtain the Essential Righteous Energy without reaching the very top! None other shall be the next Great God Pangu except for me!”

He immediately unleashed tens of energy projectiles to speed at Yi Ping!

But Yi Ping began to flash forward as he raised his swords to parry volleys after volleys of deadly energy projectiles, deflecting and imploding the energy projectiles with deadly accuracy all around him!

This caused the whole vicinity to shake so violently and the thunderous explosives were so brilliant that it was like the noon sun!

Altogether the Dark Catastrophe Emperor had unleashed ninety energy projectiles before Yi Ping made contact with him!

And in just three blinks of an eye, a further two dozen sword strokes took place between the Dark Catastrophe Emperor and Yi Ping!

Before the Dark Catastrophe Emperor had even realized it, all his sequence attacks were all dismantled by Yi Ping as he received tremendous slashes one after another by Yi Ping that were so powerful that it exploded even more thunderous than his energy projectiles!

Yi Ping shouted as he swung his two swords with great agility and speed, “This is for Alice and this is for Isa!”

The Dark Catastrophe Emperor had taken more than seven deadly slashes before his golden body broke under Yi Ping’s relentless attacks. All in all, Yi Ping had slashed at him twenty times in just three blink of an eye!



He simply could not believe his eyes; even with the protection of the Desolate Heavenly Relic, this Yi Ping's slashes could be so powerful as to break through his golden body and had caused him such agonizing pain!

Most importantly; after the twenty strokes exchanges, this Yi Ping seemed to be able to anticipate the rest of his strokes and techniques, causing his defenses to completely break down!

He could only stumble backward in a hurry as he gasped pathetically, "How did you know which way I am going to move my...attacks..."

But before he could get his answer and before Yi Ping could answer him, a gigantic Golden Kirin had suddenly appeared from behind him and swallowed him whole!

Yi Ping, Alice and Isa were startled by the sudden happenstance!

This gigantic Golden Kirin was beautiful and bigger than all the other Golden Kirins that Alice had ever seen. She gasped in disbelief, "This is a Divine Golden Kirin! And..."

Isa gulped, "This is our...Xiao Ping?"

Indeed this was their Golden Kirin Cub!

The Golden Kirin Cub had suddenly revived and had suddenly burst into gigantic proportions to swallow up the Dark Catastrophe Emperor!

Yi Ping smiled weakly at the gigantic Divine Golden Kirin who seemed only too happy to see them!

It shook its beaming golden scales that radiated halo of golden before giving Yi Ping and Alice a hearty rub!

Yi Ping was startled by the tremendous strength of the rub that he had just felt. It was a lucky thing that they were high ranking immortals or else this gentle rub would have immediately crushed them!

He muttered weakly, "Did it just swallow an ancient desolate artefact..."

Alice patted it, "Xiao Ping! You are now a divine beast! Excellent!"

Isa was literally speechless, "How strong is this divine beast?"

Alice seemed to ponder as she stared at it for a while before she smiled weakly, “As strong as an immortal of the Eighth Immortal Rank...it gains so much power for swallowing the Dark Catastrophe Emperor and the Desolate Heavenly Relic...”

Yi Ping was stunned as he muttered, “Luckily it is on our side...”

All of a sudden, the stellar light in the middle of the hall was glowing even brighter and it seemed that the entire hall was seemingly moving!

Isa was alarmed, “It seems that someone has triggered the formations of the Flower of Life!”

Alice was also alarmed as she quickly moved her fingers in quick succession to divine for answers. With great disbelief in her eyes, she turned quickly to Yi Ping to say. “The Universal Harmonic Chain is the key to unlock the Flower of Life! And someone has already used the Universal Harmonic Chain to move the formations!”

Yi Ping was startled, “Lele?!”

It was because the Universal Harmonic Chain was with Lele!

Isa was stunned, “She is the key?!”

Yi Ping panicky said, “We have to go to the middle of the hall now!”

# Chapter 218: The Alma of the Great God Pangu

The sounds of fighting seemed to have ceased all of a sudden to a deadly silence!

When Yi Ping, Alice and Isa arrived at the middle of the hall, thick smog was still everywhere but the fighting seemed to have stopped as everyone could be seen gathering one by one around the brilliant stellar light of the Flower of Life!

And Lele was suspending in mid-air as though she was being held in temporal stasis!

Yi Ping called out panicky to her, "Lele! Lele!"

But there was no response from her; her eyes were closed and she was not even moving!

The Jade Emperor, the Goddess Asura, Yi Si, Ye Ying, the Celestial Liege and the Martial Sage were staring at the scene in front of them; Lele was fluttering in mid-air in the midst of the stellar light!

Her eyes were closed and the unmistakable artefact of the Universal Harmonic Chain was beaming on her bosoms!

Staring at Lele, on the opposite side of the Jade Emperor were Old Man Xuantian the Dark Primordial Heavenly King, Yun Dingzhong the Ascetic Heavenly King and six other Heavenly Kings!

At the same time the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Western Paradise Heavenly King and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King were standing on one side and they were staring fiercely at a group of six heavenly kings!

The expressions on everyone, friends and foes were startled and even more startled when they saw the Divine Golden Kirin that was lumbering behind Yi Ping, Alice and Isa!

The Goddess Aiel and Han Lin were the first group to approach Yi Ping

jovially, followed by the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa who looked as fresh as ever and the Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang who was looking terribly weary!

Yi Ping was startled as he asked Xiang, "You...are you alright?"

The Goddess of Mercy shot the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa a frightening look and she was trembling, "Yi...Ping...I almost didn't make it to see you..."

Nuwa growled, "What is there to worry? I am there with you. After all, didn't we already settle those four Heavenly Kings?"

Xiang shot Nuwa a cold hateful look. It was obvious she had suffered much and the ordeal that she had been through was too punishing!

Everyone could see that she was literally speechless with the callous attitude of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa!

The rest of the maidens silently made up their minds never to be alone with Nuwa for no matter whatever the reasons were going to be!

That was because they did not want to be put through the same ordeal as the Goddess of Mercy Xiang!

Yi Ping was also speechless as he stared coldly at Nuwa but he really could not bring himself to be angry with her. When he looked at Nuwa, he was simply reminded by the words of the Great God Pangu to treat her good...

So what else could he do except to sigh regretfully to himself?

He did not know how to comfort Xiang except to grip hold of her hands to say, "I am sorry that I have put you through to this ordeal. Forgive me..."

Xiang shook her head and was comforted by his concern even though she was still trembling nonstop, "I...I am...alright now!"

Yi Ping felt an agonizing pain in his heart when he saw her wretched state and he was determined to make up to her in the future...

"Ping'Er!"

It was the Universal Old Man and he was running excitedly to him!

Yi Ping broke into a smile when he saw that his brothers, the Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, Skylord Jun and the Immortal Saint of Swords were all safe and sound!

And a broader smile when he saw Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Youxue, Yunzi, Lingfeng, Xingyue and the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin when they appeared out from the smog!

Xian'Er was also here and she was with two Heavenly Kings that he had just fought earlier.

He thought, "Aren't they our opponents earlier?"

Xian'Er smiled as she said to him via their secret dual celestial whispering skill, "I am alright. They are not our foes now and are on our side now..."

Alice gasped immediately, "This is your secret whispering?"

Nuwa appeared to be startled, "Huh? Alice is able to hear us? Does it mean that she is able to dual celestial with Yi Ping as well?"

Lingfeng chuckled, "It does appear to be so! What a surprise. So what is going on? Care to explain it?"

Alice immediately whispered shyly, "I will explain later..."

Yi Ping panicky whispered, "I will explain it to you later. We must save Lele!"

Yixian nodded and said, "She is still alive..."

Nuwa said warily, "The Universal Harmonic Chain is actually an ancient desolate artefact. I have never expected it to be the key to unlock the Flower of Life. And this Lele is actually the key..."

Yun Dingzhong could be heard whispering as he stared coldly at Yi Ping and his group, "Where are the Tribute Heavenly King and the Lord of the Enigma Chaos?"

Somehow everyone knew instinctively that everyone that should be

presented here was already here!

There were supposedly to be eight heavenly kings that should be presented but they were all missing now!

Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian were extremely weary and they were looking at everyone cautiously now that the Tribute Heavenly King was not here.

Others may not know the true strength of the Tribute Heavenly King but for Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian, they knew how formidable he was!

But if he was killed then the tide of the battle may turn around for them!

Moreover, they were inside the Pangu Monument now, a place that could multiply their afflictions ten times over and it was a place that none of them could recover their martial strength!

Everyone was looking weary and staring at the sight of Lele. None dare to make a false move after the last fight!

The heavenly kings now knew that Yi Ping's group was truly formidable and they were still startled at the disappearance of the other eight heavenly kings!

The Great Insight Heavenly King was cursing softly, "If we all haven't been trying to conserve our martial strengths, this new group will not have the opportunity to stand in front of us! While we are doing so, they were fighting us with everything that they got! Do they even know that their martial strengths are unable to recover in this place?!"

Several of the heavenly kings were nodding and staring coldly at Yi Ping and his group!

The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords and Skylord Jun were solemn; they knew that this Great Insight Heavenly King was indeed speaking the truth. Earlier when they had fought with him, he had purposely spared them.

He had said to them, “Now that only the five of us are here. You can’t beat me but I don’t want to kill you either. So shall we have a deal?”

The Immortal Saint of Swords was exhausted after executing the Inverting Eternal Occurrence, his most powerful sword technique formation but this Great Insight Heavenly King had actually survived it unscathed!

The Lord Supreme skidded to a side as he gasped out, “...What...do you mean?...”

The Great Insight Heavenly King interrupted with a cold smile, “You can probably see that I have stayed my hand and I have even allowed myself to be hit by you at the cost of my personal wellbeing. So, no hard feelings. You can probably tell that we are split into several groups and some of us have been struck here for several months. We are conserving our strength to obtain the Flower of Life. I can probably obliterate your group in no time but I choose not to.”

The Universal Old Man coughed weakly, “What...do you mean?”

All of a sudden the Skylord Jun, the Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of Swords and the Lord Supreme had all ceased their attacks as they could see that the Great Insight Heavenly King had suddenly stopped moving.

The Great Insight Heavenly King smiled when they ceased their attacks, “Great. So you are open to negotiations. Listen, I don’t want Old Man Xuantian, Yun Dingzhong, the Tribute Heavenly King, the Lord of the Chaos Enigma or any of their group to obtain the Flower of Life for they are dark practitioners. I am not. I have only the lofty ambitions to be the new emperor of the Immortal Realm.”

Skylord Jun hummed coldly, “Lofty indeed!”

The Great Insight Heavenly King laughed, “Indeed, indeed. That Yi Ping is indeed formidable and so are the two other maidens that are with him. They are all Eight Immortal Positioning immortals. I admit that I am not their match. If I kill the whole lot of you, I am afraid even before I can obtain the Flower of Life, I will already be killed by him.”

The Universal Old Man stammered out, "That is right! If you kill us then Brother Yi Ping will surely avenge us!"

The Lord Supreme added, "So what do you propose?"

The Great Insight Heavenly King laughed as he whispered, "It is nothing really hard. We just pretend not to see each other. I will go my own way and you will go your own way. If your group emerges victorious then I only ask that you will plead on my behalf to give an exit or not to pursue me when you are done. How is that?"

The Immortal Saint of Lords, the Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man and Skylord Jun said almost at the same time, "Deal!"

The Great Insight Heavenly King nodded, "And so, I will continue on my pretense with the other Heavenly Kings. Don't be offended if I seem to be provoking your group. After all, we don't ever want the other heavenly kings to know that we have already struck an agreement."

The Universal Old Man clapped as he laughed jovially, "Right, right! We will pretend to curse you while you can do the same to us!"

The Great Insight Heavenly King raised his eyes to stare at the Universal Old Man while Lord Supreme muttered, "Do you always have to do something like this all the time?"

The Universal Old Man laughed, "Even though it is only an act but we do have to be convincing!"

Back to the present...

Yi Ping was not in a mood to engage in a staring game with these heavenly kings. Instead, he asked anxiously, "What is going on around here? What has happened to her..."

His voice was not loud but it had reached out to the ears of everyone with crystal precision as though he was just beside them!

Lie Qing was the first to speak as she said with trembling voice, "We are all fighting desperately earlier and Lele was pushed to the edge of the stellar light. The next thing that we see is a brilliant burst of blinding



light and Lele was in the middle of the Flower of Life...”

The Goddess Asura was ashen as she added quietly while taking a glance at the Jade Emperor, “Lele has been in this state for some time. We don’t know exactly what has happened. Maybe the Jade Emperor knows about it. One of the heavenly kings had tried to grab the Universal Harmonic Chain but he was instantly pulverized into nothingness. Now no one dares to approach the middle.”

The Jade Emperor was also trembling as he muttered, “Lele...”

Yi Ping quickly went up to him to bow respectfully, “We have met again. I didn’t know that you are the Jade Emperor...”

The Jade Emperor heaved a melancholy sigh as he cast a look at Yi Ping and his group, “So what if I am the Jade Emperor? So what if I am not?”

The Celestial Liege muttered weakly, “It seems that Yi Ping has become so much stronger since the last time that we have met while I am just a new celestial. It seems that it is no longer possible for us to continue on our next duel anymore.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he hurried a respectful bow with his hands, “Brother-in-law, we have met again!”

He also returned a respectfully bow with his hands to Ye Ling and the Martial Sage, “We have met again...”

The Martial Sage who was just next to the Jade Emperor stumbled forward in a hurry when he saw Xian’Er after giving Yi Ping a hurried bow with his hands, “Xian’Er, how are you?”

Xian’Er smiled gently, “I am good but your injuries are not light. You should recuperate first. I am really glad that you have finally attained as a celestial.”

The Martial Sage was in awe and he could not believe his eyes; Xian’Er was even more stunning than the last time that he had seen her. He muttered clumsily, “I was aided by the Jade Emperor. He is the one that helps me to ascend on condition that I help him when I am here...”

Xian'Er nodded gently, "In order for the Jade Emperor to aid you then your attainment must be already be sufficient to ascend. That is to your credits and your hard work in achieving enlightenment."

The Martial Sage replied bashfully, "This...is nothing. I have long given up on the worldly desires and embarked on the path of divinity. Well, almost all worldly desires..."

Xian'Er nodded as she interrupted him gently, "I appreciate that you have always kept in my heart. I hope that in future you will lend your strength to Yi Ping and to help him in whatever you can."

The Martial Sage slammed his chest with his right hand, "Surely! Anything that you say, I will surely do my utmost even if it is means going under the fiery oceans and going up to the most lofty mountains!"

Yi Ping bowed again with his hands, "Thank you, Senior!"

But he soon grown solemn again, "How long must we wait...is there any way for us to save Lele?"

With his current attainment and level of divinity, he knew that it was impossible to get near to Lele without being burnt by the stellar light.

He had actually wanted to run to Lele when he saw that she was in suspension in the middle of the stellar light but his body or rather his Nine Divine Dragons of the Dark Emperor Robe would not obey him.

Nuwa smiled coldly, "Save her? That is unnecessary."

Yi Ping was perplexed and he was shaking, "Lady Nuwa, we got to think of a way to save her..."

Nuwa flipped her sleeves as she sighed softly, "I am sorry. That is normally the way I speak. I don't mean we are not saving her but that is completely unnecessary. That is because she is safe and she is absorbing the Flower of Life now. I must say that her luck is extremely good. She actually has the Universal Harmonic Chain and that is actually the key to the Flower of Life. How I wish I am in her shoes!"

Yi Ping asked warily, "She is absorbing the Flower of Life? What does it

mean?”

Not only Yi Ping and his group were startled by Nuwa but the rest of the heavenly kings too!

Everyone was looking at the Great Desolate Goddess, openly and secretly to learn what Nuwa had to say.

Nuwa stared at the brilliant stellar light as she said slowly, “By absorbing the Flower of Life, she will not only be able to move freely in the Stellar Sanctuary, she will also become the Alma of the Great God Pangu.”

Yi Ping asked, “Alma of the Great God Pangu? What does this mean?”

Nuwa smiled wryly, “Why don’t you ask yourself? You are the one that creates it.”

Yi Ping was not amused as he coughed solemnly, “Tell me about it...”

Xian’Er smiled gently, “The Lady Nuwa is right. It is actually a blessing. The Alma is like a guardian to the Great God Pangu and they will share a special link with each other. This unique link can extend even across vast distances and across the realms...”

Yi Ping muttered, “A link across the realms? Even from Beyond?”

Xian’Er nodded as her eyes beamed, “Yes! Even if you are in Beyond, you will still be able to communicate with Lele!”

Yi Ping’s spirit was also aroused and his countenance was lit up as he muttered, “Lele...”

All of a sudden the Jade Emperor said quietly, “I have always known that Lele is destined to be unique and it is happening right now. At this moment, her Celestial Force is absorbing the essence of the Flower of Life. Soon she will emerge as the new empress of the immortal realm!”

The other heavenly kings were startled and Yun Dingzhong spat angrily, “What new empress of the Immortal Realm? She hasn’t even defeated us yet!”

The Jade Emperor gazed coldly in the direction of Yun Dingzhong, “Do

you still remember why I am the emperor of the Immortal Realm and not the rest of you?”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King shifted uncomfortably as he spoke first, “That is because the Celestial Force is the only force that can absorb the Universal Harmony Force and neutralize the Chaotic Desolate Force. That is why the Jade Emperor is appointed to be the ruler of the Immortal Realm by the Great Goddess Fantian...”

He took a look at Xian’Er hesitatingly, unsure if he was right.

But Xian’Er nodded gently, “I have indeed appointed the Jade Emperor as the supreme ruler of the Immortal Realm. As for Lele, she is ordained to be my true successor or else the Universal Harmonic Chain would not have picked her.”

The Jade Emperor and the other heavenly kings were startled and they looked at each other uneasily!

Yun Dingzhong shouted angrily, “Rubbish! Are you implying that you are the Great Goddess Fantian?”

The Formosa Heavenly King, the Avant-grade Heavenly King, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King were all moved to say at the same time, “She is indeed the Great Goddess Fantian!”

The Avant-grade Heavenly King shouted angrily, “How dare you shown such disrespect for the Great Goddess Fantian! Hurry and kneel before her!”

Yun Dingzhong hummed coldly, “Just a little while ago, you are on our side. Why? Are you afraid of them?”

The Avant-grade Heavenly King laughed with an explosive burst of his martial force, “I am afraid of who? I am not even afraid of you or the Jade Emperor!”

Old Man Xuantian laughed coldly, “Then why don’t you come over to fight with us now instead of wasting your martial strength over there with your foolishness. Have you forgotten that you are not able to recover

your martial strength here?”

The Avant-grade Heavenly King was about to say something when the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess hummed coldly, “Calm down. He just wants to lure you to him. If he is unconvinced that she is the Great Goddess Fantian then why not invite him to come over here and see for himself first instead?”

The Avant-grade Heavenly King laughed, “Indeed, indeed. Why don’t you come over and take a closer look first?”

Old Man Xuantian hummed coldly but he had made no attempt to make any move.

The Jade Emperor looked at Xian’Er closely, “You are really the Great Goddess Fantian?”

Xian’Er replied gently, “Yesterday I am the Celestial Fairy. Today I am the Great Goddess Fantian. Do you remember that I have once warned you not to be moved by mortal emotions or disaster will surely strike you?”

The Jade Emperor had turned ashen immediately and he was trembling all of a sudden!

Xian’Er continued, “That is a part of your inevitable tribulation. If you are able to overcome that, you will be able to attain to the Seventh Immortal Positioning. So have you overcome that tribulation yet? Do you regret it?”

The Jade Emperor was trembling, “I...have failed my tribulation...but I have never regretted it...”

Xian’Er shook her head, “You have actually overcome your tribulation. It is over. You should be at rest.”

The Jade Emperor asked, “I have... overcome the tribulation?”

Xian’Er nodded, “Or else it won’t be possible for you to attain the Seventh Immortal Positioning, am I right?”

The countenance of the Jade Emperor was flinching, “I have overcome...”

my tribulation...but I still have mortal feelings...Qie'Er, Lele..."

He stammered out, "Are you really the...Great Goddess Fantian?"

While he had communed with the Great Goddess Fantian on a number of occasions, he had never once seen her face directly. It was because the Great Goddess Fantian was an immortal in the Ninth Immortal Positioning and her countenance was shrouded with a brilliant light; only immortals that were of the Eighth Immortal Positioning were able to look into her countenance without being blinded by her.

Xian'Er nodded gently to give him a final affirmation, "You have already got the answer in your heart."

She paused for a while before smiling gently, "The bloodline that is yours, flows strongly in Lele. Only the successor of the Celestial Force is able to be the ruler of the Immortal Realm. This is my exact words to the immortals of the Immortal Realm, hence you are appointed as Jade Emperor. Lele is the chosen Alma of the Great God Pangu while..."

All of a sudden the Jade Emperor turned ashen and so did the Celestial Liege!

The Celestial Liege was startled as he asked in his heart, "We are all related to Grandpa?"

Xian'Er had stolen a quick glance at Lingfeng the Heaveness, startling her as she continued. "...Lingfeng is my chosen Alma."

Lingfeng smiled shyly, "Tell me about it some other time..."

She quickly sought to distract attention from herself, "I wonder if the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa has her own Alma?"

Nuwa laughed softly as she tapped Youxue lightly on her shoulder, "Youxue is my chosen Alma and the mistress of the Divine Nine Cauldron. I will teach you my Asmodian Divinity..."

Youxue smiled weakly, "When did I become your Alma..."

Nuwa laughed softly, "You are not aware of it but I have been following you..."

Youxue was startled as she cursed softly...

All of a sudden, the Jade Emperor fell onto his knees as he wept aloud. "You are indeed the Great Goddess Fantian. Forgive me for not recognizing your divinity earlier!"

The Jade Emperor was trembling as he muttered almost incoherently, "Yes, no one else knows that Lele is indeed my direct descendant..."

That was because when the Jade Emperor had transgressed the laws of the heavens, a divine calamity had descended upon the Three Known Realms. The Great Goddess Fantian had appeared to him and said to him, "You are in mortal danger. Flee now to the lower realm with your child. As punishment for your transgressions, you are to remain in the Mortal Realm for ten thousands immortal years. To ensure that you do not transgress my commands, I will seal your strength to that of a normal celestial practitioner..."

The Jade Emperor had said to her, "Qie'Er is no more. I will rather die to atone for my transgressions but my child is innocent. I ask that the Great Goddess Fantian will take care of him..."

The Great Goddess Fantian shook her head, "This is all predestined and is now inevitable. Since destiny has unfolded to this stage, we must abide by its changes. One of your descendants will be destined to be the next empress of the Immortal Realm and she will be the Alma to the Great God Pangu. So be strong. After the end of the ten thousands immortal years, you will be given another chance for attainment again. How that will unfold, even I do not know."

As the Great Goddess Fantian was about to take her leave, she seemed startled when she glanced over the toddler. "This child...is he...?"

She heaved a heavy sigh, "While I am reaching the end of my life but he has returned..."

# Chapter 219: The Manifestation of the Flower of Life!

Xian'Er had recalled that she had taken a sympathetic look at the toddler and said to the Jade Emperor back then, "This is the Dark Emperor Robe. I shall bestow it to him. He will be a warrior-god among men."

The Jade Emperor was startled for the Dark Emperor Robe was an ancient desolate artefact that was difficult to even exercise control so he hurriedly said, "No need..."

She replied, "You fear for him or you fear that he may not be capable of wielding mastery over it?"

The Jade Emperor heaved softly, "He is my only kin. I just want him to lead a peaceful life..."

She said, "Life and death is predestined. Everyone has their callings. Since I have granted him the Dark Emperor Robe then that is his destiny. Whether he can wield mastery over the ancient desolate artefact depends on him. Moreover..."

She seemed to look at the starry stars that were far away, "...moreover since I have foretold that he will have descendants after him therefore you shouldn't worry too much. That is enough said of the secrets of the heavens."

The Jade Emperor smiled weakly, "He...he is my only child with Qie'Er..."

She hummed softly, "Normally it is impossible for immortals to have any children. You are the first. Perhaps he is really destined for something greater."

She had stopped short of telling the Jade Emperor that this toddler was actually the Great God Pangu incarnate as she sighed in her heart, "If he can become the Great God Pangu then I am no longer relevant because he won't be able to remember me..."



She moved her fingers rapidly to divine as she thought, “Hmmm....the Goddess Celestial Alice seems to be his destined one...the Goddess Theocracy. Very well then I will give them a helping hand. I shall give ownership of the Stellar Sanctuary to the Goddess Celestial Alice...”

She looked at the Jade Emperor, “At the end of the nine thousands immortal years, a great calamity will befall to the Three Known Realms. What it is, I do not know for sure. But the Stellar Sanctuary will descend to the Celestial Realm at the start of the nine thousands immortal years. This will continue for a cycle of a thousand immortal years. Afterwards, you must hurry to the Stellar Sanctuary.

The Jade Emperor was startled!

“This...” he was stunned at this revelation!

He had heard that whoever could succeed to the top of the Stellar Sanctuary would take on the mantle of the Great God Pangu and be the next Great God Pangu!

She nodded gently, “When that time comes, whoever can reach the very top will be the successor to the Great God Pangu and become the supreme ruler of the Three Known Realms. You are free to go there.”

The Jade Emperor asked in a trembling manner, “Your divinity, this honor belongs to you and not to me...”

She smiled gently, “Soon the Great Goddess Fantian will be no more.”

She did not tell him that her golden body will be housed in the Stellar Sanctuary itself and she knew not to the answers that were in the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary.

The Jade Emperor was stunned as he stammered, “Nothing will happen to your divinity...”

She shook her head, “But first, you have to enlighten the mortals and the beasts of the lower realm. You have to teach them the way to ascend to the Celestial Realm as Celestials and Divine Beasts. This monument task will be in your hands. In time to come, the other immortals will descend to the lower realms too. You must never reveal who you are till

the last days.”

The Jade Emperor sighed softly, “So shall it be then...”

He closed his eyes to ask, “How long must I wait?”

At that time he did not know that he had to wait a million years for ten thousand immortal years was equivalent to one million years in the Mortal Realm!

He had a long, long million years to cultivate himself!

The Great Goddess Fantian resonated as she rode away on a nine golden tail golden phoenix, “Does anyone know my grieving heart? My creations, my children are killing each other. If after ten thousand years they are still unable to repent then my sacrifice will be in vain.”

As Xian’Er was recalling the past, she was suddenly approached by the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King!

Yi Ping, Xian’Er, Nuwa and all the others readied a defensive stance immediately!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King had already stepped defensively in front of Xian’Er as they shouted almightily at the same time, “Don’t you dare to be disrespectful to the Great Goddess Fantian!”

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen was the first to speak as she looked hesitating at the Jade Emperor, Nuwa, Xian’Er, Yi Ping, the Western Paradise King and the rest of the group, “We...we really do not know if the Jade Emperor or the Western Paradise is saying the truth that you are the Great Goddess Fantian. We have never met her before but you give us a familiar feeling...”

The Heavenly Pagoda King looked at Xian’Er as he began to tremble. He seemed to be anguish as well as he heaved a long sigh, “Only the Great Goddess Fantian can divine harmonize with the divine sword the Heavenly Tear Divine. We all know that the Great Goddess Fantian had given her life to give us a chance to repent and to stop us from killing each other...”

He turned around to cast a long look at Old Man Xuantian, Yun Dingzhong, the Crescent Heavenly King, the Great Khan Heavenly King, the Undeniable Heavenly King, the Heavenly King of Furies and the Marshal Heavenly King, “Even though some of us have already become Dark Asuras, she still give them the chance to repent. Even though some of us claim to fight for the common good of the immortal realm but their lofty ambitions to dominate over the immortals are unmistakable.”

He paused to say weakly, “I can’t say I am a saint either. Or maybe I am simply bowing to your strength. We have come to surrender...”

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen grabbed his hands as she looked melancholy at everyone but all of a sudden she raised her voice to say firmly, “But we will never bow down to bullying and power. We will not join the company of the Dark Asuras. What do you say?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and the Ancient Heavenly Sage King looked at each other at the same time and they were thinking the same thing; that the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King seemed to be very close...

Lord Judas the Western Paradise Heavenly King laughed jovially as his laughter shook the vicinity, “Good, good! You have come to surrender yet you don’t want to bow to us! What guts!”

He raised his golden rod to slam on the ground hard and immediately, a powerful burst of martial force exploded outward with a terrifying thunderous force!

The Heavenly Pagoda King lifted his eyes to stare at him, “I shall not be intimidated! If you want a fight with us so shall it be. I can promise that it won’t be easy to defeat us. Even if we can’t defeat you, we will make sure that you will use up plenty of your strength. By then, some others will take advantage of your weakness. Especially with a large group such as yours, soon you may even fall into infighting to obtain the one and only Flower of Life!”

Yi Ping bowed respectfully with his hands as he said gently, “I am Yi Ping! The Western Paradise Heavenly King doesn’t mean it. You are

naturally welcome to join our group!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King laughed jovially, “Indeed! Indeed! Welcome, welcome!”

The Heavenly Pagoda King looked at Yi Ping hesitatingly but his spirit was soon stirred by his righteous air. He had never seen anymore with his aura before!

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen was equally startled too. The moment that Yi Ping had spoken, they immediately knew that he was sincere in welcoming him and that a mysterious force seemed to be drawing them to him!

What was more; this Yi Ping still looked extremely rejuvenated compared to the majority of the practitioners here. This was really hard to believe because they knew that he had actually fought with a dozen heavenly kings earlier, including the two of them!

In the Pangu Monument the practitioners must be careful not to use up their strength too fast. It was because none of them could replenish their strength here!

Now that they were looking at him closely, they began to feel his imposing presence and were a little afraid of him. It was because Yi Ping was standing within arm reach of them and it was really easy to take them by surprise given his superior air.

The Heavenly King of Furies who was standing close to Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian spat loudly, “Cowards!”

Xian’Er smiled serenely to the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King, “Welcome to the group.”

Yi Ping said to the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King, “We are all friends here. By joining us, you are a friend too. As long as you don’t betray our trust, you are free to leave when you see fit.”

When Yi Ping said that, almost all the maidens that were his consorts were all nodding enthusiastically at the same time too!

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King were secretly startled at the unanimity of this group and they knew immediately that this group was almost wholly in support of this Yi Ping!

This Yi Ping seemed extremely charismatic and no doubt, he was the leader of this group!

Even the Heavenly Pagoda King was genuinely impressed by his charisma and martial skills. But he decided to take issue with him as he looked at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, "She is a Desolate Immortal and our ancient enemy. You should exercise caution and be wary of her."

Nuwa took offense as she said coldly, "Empty talks are cheap. Why don't you try to get me..."

Yi Ping smiled gently as he tapped her, "I don't believe that the Lady Nuwa will harm the innocents. Just because she is a Desolate Immortal then we must get rid of her? Then what is the difference between us then? The compassionate Heavens see no separation between us. What is evil and what is good?"

He turned to the Heavenly Pagoda King to say, "Her nature is good. I will surely watch over her in all her days and will not allow her to harm any innocents."

The Heavenly Pagoda King kept quiet as he shifted uncomfortably...

But for Nuwa, she was flushing lightly and she was absolutely delighted as she thought, "Did he say he will watch over me all of my days?"

She said shyly, "Yi Ping, I will punish only the evil-doers!"

She was literally on cloud-nine! And anything that Yi Ping was saying now, she would agree!

The Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang muttered something incoherently, "... You..."

Xian'Er turned to look at the Heavenly Pagoda King and the Nirvana Heavenly Queen before saying to the Jade Emperor, "Yi Ping is the true Great God Pangu. He is the one that we are all been waiting for. Whether

you believe or not, is up to you.”

The Jade Emperor was startled as he looked at the Goddess Asura, the Heavenly Pagoda King, the Nirvana Heavenly Queen, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, Ancient Heavenly Sage King, the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King for answers...

Asura replied coolly, “I have no doubt that Yi Ping is the destined Great God Pangu to be.”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King said firmly, “I believe the Great Goddess Fantian. If she says so then it must be the true!”

The Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King were hesitating as they looked at each other. Even though they firmly believed that Xian’Er was the Great Goddess Fantian but they dare not acknowledge the Great God Pangu recklessly!

Lingfeng had a look of annoyance in her eyes as she cursed softly, “Idiots! All of them!”

Yi Ping secretly whispered to her, “Lingfeng calm down! What does it matter?”

Lingfeng whispered back to Yi Ping, “I can’t take it lying down. In their hearts, whoever can reach the floor 100th level first will inherit the Great Pangu Force and be the next Great God Pangu.

They are all hoping to be the next Great God Pangu and his successor. That is why they refuse to acknowledge you as the Great God Pangu! You are the real Pangu-incarnate and you are standing in front of them now. They have eyes yet they are so blind as not to recognize Mt. Tai! This is really too ridiculous!”

Nuwa who could eavesdrop on them also mused, “Let me knock some sense into them...”

Yi Ping whispered weakly, “It doesn’t matter. Don’t take matters into your own hands. I am alright. Learn from Alice...”

The Goddess Celestial Alice whispered gently, "I am just holding it back. The truth is that I feel the same way as the Heaveness too."

Yi Ping was a little speechless as he whispered resignedly, "It really doesn't matter. Just help me to keep a watchful lookout for Lele and the rest. I am really afraid for them. We are still in a dire situation and we don't know what our enemies are planning..."

All of a sudden, his secret dual celestial thoughts were interrupted by a white brilliant flare that had just burst out from Lele!

Yi Ping began to gasp, "This is..."

Yi Si gasped aloud, "Mother!..."

She had not seen her mother for two decades and was really happy to find her parents again. Even though she was a little disappointed that her mother seemed a little callous towards her but she did not put it into heart. It was because she was a celestial practitioner herself and had a cool attitude to events around her or else it would be impossible for her to overcome her divine calamity!

Imagine her surprise when she found her parents again and found out that her father was now married to several consorts while he was in the Celestial Realm!

She had thought, "Um, can a Celestial really marry? If he cannot overcome the emotions of his heart, it is impossible for him to achieve enlightenment and he may even invite destruction when his next divine calamity has descended upon him..."

It was because she knew from her grandfather that her father had only married once and that was only to the Celestial Fairy, the Emerald Mistress of the Eternal Ice Palace. The reason why her mother never got married to him was because they had to purify their hearts of all emotional distractions or it would be fatal to them when their divine calamities descended upon them!

She had often wondered what was it to be like to fall in love but her grandfather warned her severely, "The Celestial Stage of Emotion is the

hardest stage to overcome. Even if you are able to overcome it, it doesn't mean you can fall in love. The celestial stages are a cumulative of your enlightenment and only get increasing difficulty as your divinity increases. One wrong step and your entire attainment will be ruined!"

She had asked, "Didn't grandpa once told me that the practitioners are able to Dual Celestial with each other?"

The Jade Emperor laughed, "They are able to exchange their sentiments through the Dual Celestial Practice but this was actually more like a spiritual exchange. That is why your parents never got married. The practitioner of the celestial art is lonely, very lonely. Also, once they overcome their first divine calamity and become a true practitioner, it is quite impossible for them to have any children thereafter."

He seemed to hesitate for a while as he looked at Yi Si, "Quite... impossible...the descendants of the true practitioners are often failed practitioners..."

He muttered, "Lele...where are you now? Are you well?"

He smiled all of a sudden to Yi Si, "You are as beautiful as your mother. Don't blame your parents. They have a greater destiny to pursue. There is still a realm above the Celestial Realm, a realm of the immortal fairies and the immortal sages. Someday, I hope to go there...again..."

Yi Si asked, "Again?"

But the Jade Emperor did not reply her.

Yi Si had never faulted her parents for abandoning her. In fact after getting to know her father, she knew that the incident had accidentally left behind a thorn in their hearts. And her father was a sentimental hero. The very reason that her father married many of his lifelong companions was because they simply had been through too much together. In the end, they had no way of knowing if they could pull through their next battle therefore he had finally caved in to give them an accounting for it was obvious that many of them had too much distractions in their hearts. It was akin to choosing the lesser of the evils...



At the moment, Yi Si had turned ashen because she instinctively knew that their opponents may be making their moves very soon so she stepped panicky forward but the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa had all of a sudden restrained her by catching hold of her shoulder as she whispered, “Wait!”

Xian’Er said hurriedly, “She is entering the final metamorphosis stage with the Flower of Life.”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er gasped softly when they saw that Yi Ping was already gripping his divine swords. They immediately knew that Yi Ping was about to take action soon!

Yi Ping secretly whispered to Lingfeng, Xian’Er, Nuwa and Alice. “We need to get ready soon...”

Lingfeng whispered with a soft laugh, “Ping’Er, you are so wise now. I would have warned us too even if you did not try to do so!”

Nuwa nodded as she secretly whispered back, “These dark heavenly kings! They are not taking it lying down by being timid cats over there. Since they can’t obtain the Flower of Life directly, they are simply waiting for Lele to disarm the formidable celestial formations before they make their moves!”

Xian’Er nodded, “Especially Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian...”

Yi Ping was trembling lightly as he whispered anxiously, “That is right. I won’t allow them to touch Lele!”

All of a sudden the unconscious Lele began to jerk violently in mid-air, gasping aloud as nine beaming lights burst out from her entire body as slow shockwaves began to shake the entire vicinity thunderously!

Almost immediately when the imposing prismatic walls that were around Lele seemed to be dissipating, everyone was rushing forward at almost the same time!

Yi Ping brandished his divine swords with a ringing resonant of brilliant light as he raised his entire martial power to shout thunderously, “Now!!!”

Yun Dingzhong croaked with dark malevolent, “The Flower of Life has materialized through her!”

Old Man Xuantian laughed wickedly as his martial force increased a tenfold, “The first to seize her will lay claim to the Flower of Life!...”

The Crescent Heavenly King, the Great Khan Heavenly King, the Undeniable Heavenly King, the Heavenly King of Furies and the Marshal Heavenly King were not slow either.

They had all unleashed their martial powers to its zenith and their objective was very clear; to obtain the Flower of Life at all costs!

The Heavenly King of Furies was shaking with fury as he struck the Marshal Heavenly King who was the nearest to him with a thunderous hit, “Get away! I shall be the first one to evolve to a higher being with the Flower of Life!”

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As the Heavenly King of Furies sent the Marshal Heavenly King smashing headlong onto the ground with a thunderous impact, he himself was stunned by the combined attacks of the Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian!

Yun Dingzhong had raised his Mayhem Divine Force with his Triple Trinity Invocation as he raised his fingers to unleash his Divine Scattering Impact, not on Yi Ping and his group but on the Heavenly King of Furies!

At the same time, Old Man Xuantian had also mustered his Dark Primordial Force to strike the Heavenly King of Furies at the back of his head with a thunderous cracking impact!

Even before the Heavenly King of Furies could recover from his startled surprise, Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian had already hit him a dozen times, each hit more powerful than the last!

In normal circumstance, even though their epitome attacks were extremely powerful but it may not be sufficient enough to bring down the Heavenly King of Furies. But they were inside the Pangu Monument now and the afflictions that they received would be multiple by tenfold!

In that single blink of an eye, they had literally sent the Heavenly King of Furies to his death knell as they broke through his golden body, ripped his heart out as they quickly consumed half of the heart!

Yun Dingzhong laughed aloud as he flashed forward to where Lele was, "While it is not possible to regain our martial strength here but we can!"

Old Man Xuantian laughed creepily, "Yes, by drinking the blood and consuming the vital heart of the others!"

While the others were startled by this happening, they were not really surprised and everyone was now rushing to the dissipating prismatic walls to be as near as possible to the epicenter of the Flower of Life!

As the unconscious Lele was descending slowly, the shimmering

prismatic wall was also shrinking in proportion!

The Undeniable Heavenly King mustered a great shout as he exercised his entire martial power to push the startled Crescent Heavenly King into the prismatic wall, shocking all the onlookers as the Crescent Heavenly King disintegrated into tiny mushroom dust!

The Undeniable Heavenly King hummed coldly, "For competing with me, that is what you deserve. But your death will not be vain for you have helped to test the Pangu Celestial Formation!..."

But no sooner had he said that, Yi Ping was already upon him and gave him an implosive strike with the Fantian Sovereign Sword!

As the Undeniable Heavenly King screamed out in pain, Yi Ping had already slashed him a dozen whirling strikes with both his Fantian Sovereign Sword and the Celestial Alice Divine Sword to send him smashing into the prismatic light, disintegrating him!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was intercepted by Lie Qing, Youxue, Lingfeng, Yunzi, Yu'Er and Mei'Er at the same time!

The Great Khan Heavenly King raised his palm and aimed at Lie Qing, "You may have the Invincible Divine Force to protect you but against my strength, you are still nothing!"

Yunzi cried out to Lie Qing, "Watch out!"

It was because Lie Qing was standing right in front of the prismatic light and she knew that if Lie Qing could not withstand the palm strike of the Great Khan Heavenly King, she would be pushed back into the prismatic wall!

She quickly unleashed several bouts of Negative Ley Sword Energies on the Great Khan Heavenly King before whirling her divine sword into a flying sword on him!

The Negative Ley Sword Energies had little effect on the Great Khan Heavenly King as he shook the sword energies away and as for the flying sword attack, he had simply smashed it aside!

But that was enough for Youxue, Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Mei'Er to join hands with Lie Qing as they joined their attacks against the Great Khan Heavenly King!

Barely had the Great Khan Heavenly King exchanged blows with them, they were joined by the Yi Si, the Nirvana Heavenly Queen, the Heavenly Pagoda King, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy, Aiel and Han Lin!

The Great Khan Heavenly King gasped out in bewilderment, "You are all ganging on me? Don't everyone wants the Flower of Life for themselves?!"

Lie Qing raised her Invincible Divine Force to the twelfth level, displaying twelve shimmering blue discs as the two of them clashed thunderously. She said softly, "Maybe I do want the Flower of Life later but that will naturally have to wait until you are dead!"

While she was secretly startled with the martial power of the Great Khan Heavenly King, she showed no sign of it. It was because deception was itself a strategy.

She thought secretly, "It is a lucky thing that he is distracted by the rest and is unable to focus fully on me. If Lele is here, what would she do?"

For the first time, she was hoping to borrow a thing or two from Lele. Dirty fighting or not, she knew that she could not afford to lose this battle...

The Great Khan Heavenly King was actually equally startled by Lie Qing's martial strength. When he saw that she was being surrounded by twelve shimmering blue discs, he knew that her martial strength must be equal or above that of the Western Paradise Heavenly King!

Moreover, he was secretly alarmed when he could sense the Flawless Sword Energy of her divine sword as he thought, "Impossible! If she has attained one with her sword then she may even be able to kill me..."

And when he took a closer look at her divine sword, he turned ashen!

It was because he had recognized her divine sword as the Eternal Light;

a divine sword that had once mortally injured him!

While the owner of the Eternal Light was different now but a divine sword such as the Eternal Light never forgot its battles; it would be able to guide and defend its owner especially if its owner had already achieved oneness with it!

At the same time Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were now fighting with the Jade Emperor, the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Divine Golden Kirin, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, Nuwa and Xian'Er!

The battles between them were fierce, startling even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Xian'Er as well!

Yun Dingzhong laughed wickedly, "What? There are so many of you and yet you cannot just the two of us?"

Old Man Xuantian laughed as he knocked back the Jade Emperor and at the same time he had already jumped onto the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa as they exchanged dozens of blows!

He jeered, "What? Where did your earlier arrogance gone to earlier? I can sense that you are faltering!"

The Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was a little startled as she secretly whispered to Xian'Er and Alice, "Weird. It seems that they have not only regained their strength but they seemed to have grown stronger..."

Xian'Er and Alice were equally perplexed but they were not able to reply her as they were flashing to and fro!

Everyone seemed to be everywhere as martial explosions exploded in all corners. Literally hundreds of blows and dodges were displayed in a blink of an eye!

Even the Divine Golden Kirin was not spared from the furious attacks as it bellowed aloud in rage!

All of a sudden the Goddess Asura clutched her stomach painfully after receiving several kicks as she rolled onto the floor!

Alice was startled as she quickly stepped forth to intercept Old Man Xuantian but a startling martial force overwhelmed her and had sent her flying backward!

But the timely intervention of Xian'Er saved the Goddess Asura!

Xian'Er said coldly to Old Man Xuantian, "Just who are you? Why are you concealing your true strength?"

Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were laughing aloud as they said, "Just who we are?"

Yun Dingzhong smiled wryly, "Very well then. I will let you know so you won't die in vain!"

Everyone could see that a dark insignia had appeared on the foreheads of both Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong!

At the same time their divinity had also increased to the Seventh Immortal Positioning!

Nuwa was startled, "The divine marks of the Outcast Desolate Immortals?! Impossible!..."

She had turned ashen. It was because the Outcast Desolate Immortals were Dark Asuras who fed on even the rest of the Desolate Immortals. She had thought that they were all destroyed a long time ago...

Yun Dingzhong laughed, "You are too strong and leaving us with no choice but to reveal ourselves. We have long forsaken the light. By a lucky chance, we have found the body of a Desolate Immortal in the icy wastes of the Immortal Realm..."

Old Man Xuantian cut in as he laughed, "We have carefully preserved the heart of that Desolate Immortal that we have found, consuming it after we had been sealed by the Great Goddess Fantian."

Xian'Er said quietly, "The two of you actually have the patience to hold on to your lofty ambitions till the very last..."

Old Man Xuantian laughed as he stared coldly at Xian'Er, "If we don't then the others may discover our secrets sooner or later."

Yun Dingzhong waved his white black plum fan as he laughed, "But now, we are stronger than anyone in the Three Known Realms. Even if the Great Goddess Fantian is here today, we do not fear her!"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King shouted angrily as he charged forward with his golden rod, "How dare you!"

Xian'Er had also leapt forward as she displayed several strokes at them!

Nuwa raised her fingers as she flashed next to Xian'Er, "Don't forget about me too!"

Yun Dingzhong laughed, "Who is afraid of who?"

Immediately the vicinity imploded with thunderous explosions as the five of them clashed at the same time!

When the debris had cleared, Xian'Er, Nuwa, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, Old Man Xuantian and Yun Dingzhong were scurried back at the same time!

Xian'Er gasped as she quickly hid her trembling fingers in her longer sleeves as she thought, "Such power..."

Even Alice, Asura and the Jade Emperor were startled by the martial forces that were generated!

Alice cursed softly as she trembled, "This accursed place has sapped so much of my strength..."

All of a sudden, a lone black figure had suddenly appeared in their midst and he was trembling with rage!

It was Yi Ping!

His eyes were a deep scarlet and electrical charges were zapping around him!

Xian'Er said to him, "Ping'Er? Calm down. We are alright..."

Asura gasped weakly, "Yi Ping?"

But Yi Ping seemed not to hear them but he was muttering, "Asura, Asura..."



Asura gasped silently, "I am here, Yi Ping..."

Nuwa whispered panicky to Xian'Er and Alice, "No good! He seems...to be out of control..."

Yun Dingzhong laughed as he quickly displayed his Divine Shattering Impact at Yi Ping, "So we have another one that is here to die..."

As he flickers his devastating Divine Shattering Impact to strafe upon Yi Ping, he had also raised his other fingers to execute dozens of energy projectiles!

But Yi Ping simply raised his sword and in a single blink of an eye, he had seemingly moved his divine swords in arcing strokes dozens of times as he parried aside dozens of explosive energy projectile, without even bulging!

Yun Dingzhong was startled, "What the..."

But before he knew it, he was slashed furiously by dozens of strokes as three rings of martial power burst furiously around Yi Ping, dissipating all the remnants of his Divine Scattering Impact!

Old Man Xuantian was startled as he immediately leapt forward to assist Yun Dingzhong!

Yi Ping simply swung his Celestial Alice as six flying swords burst forth from his divine sword to strike and pierced the Old Man Xuantian with an irresistible force!

Old Man Xuantian immediately coughed out blood as his eyes widened, "Why is that...my martial force and golden body not...protect me..."

Yi Ping was bellowing with rage as he cut down Yun Dingzhong and Old Man Xuantian, "Yun Dingzhong! Old Man Xuantian! Why did you hurt my still unborn child?! Why are you forcing me? Why are you hurting all my friends? If might is right then I will show you what is might and what is right!"

Asura gasped as she turned ashen, "Ping'Er, calm down!"

Xian'Er had turned very pale, "No good! He has lost control!"

Meanwhile as the Marshal Heavenly King picked himself up, he was faced with the Lord Supreme, the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Universal Old Man, Skylord Jun, the Martial Sage, the Celestial Liege, Ye Ling, the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin and the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue!

He shouted as he sent them all knocking back except for Ye Yin and Xingyue, “How dare you belittle me! Do you think that the whole lot of you can stop me?! What a joke!”

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin hummed coldly as she raised her divine sword to slash at him furiously while still saying casually to Xingyue, “Hmph! Didn’t we kick the butt of that whatever Fury Heavenly King earlier?”

Xingyue smiled as she raised her palm as she clashed thunderously with the Marshal Heavenly King with her Big Dipper Hands, “Oh um, his name is the Heavenly King of Furies.”

Ye Yin yawned softly, “Whatever...”

The Marshal Heavenly King was a little startled as he displayed dozens of strokes on Ye Yin but it was as though he was fighting the air itself. It was as though this maiden could anticipate all his attacks!

He stammered angrily, “Who...are you?!”

Ye Yin winked, “I am the Ascension Goddess of the Holy Ascension Sect. Remember that!”

All of a sudden the air around her exploded furiously as she kicked and slashed the Marshal Heavenly King, startling him!

The Marshal Heavenly King gasped with disbelief, “This is...the Martial Emperor Unifying Force!?”

Ye Yin hummed coldly as she flashed her Blessed Heaven, enveloping it with the burning martial force of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force as the ground beneath collapsed with earthshaking violence, “Consider it your honor to be slain by the Ascension Goddess!”

The Lord Supreme, the Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of

Swords, Skylord Jun, the Celestial Liege, the Martial Sage and Ye Ling were all startled by the martial power that had just burst forth from the Ascension Goddess that they had all stepped back panicky!

Xingyue raised her eyebrows, “You are able to awaken the sanctorum power of your divine sword on your own?”

Ye Yin winked at her, “Do you feel surpass by me? I won’t lose to you. My Blessed Heaven and the Martial Emperor Unifying Force are one since the very beginning. With my Purity Spirits and my practice now, it isn’t too hard...”

Xingyue smiled angelically, “It remains to be seen yet.”

The Marshal Heavenly King interrupted as he shouted angrily, “Do not belittle me!...”

All of a sudden there was a lightning flash as Yi Ping burst forth from the gray smog as dozens of sword strokes were executed in a few blinks of an eye, literally tearing the Marshal Heavenly King apart!

When the Marshal Heavenly King had died, his eyes were still wide-opened with disbelief!

It was because in that single instant, Yi Ping had simply cut him down with an irresistible force and had seeming become an enraging berserker!

Xingyue and the others were all startled as well!

It was because none of them except for Ye Yin could really see his strokes!

And Yi Ping was looking different now!

He had a look of despair in his eyes and he was muttering to himself, “Lele! Lele! I won’t allow anyone to hurt you!”

The look on his face was frightening and beholden to look upon!

Even Ye Yin and Xingyue were shocked at his transformation and they were too stunned to move!

Yi Ping continued to mutter, “I...I don’t want to kill you but you are

leaving me with no choice...”

He was grasping his chest, “I have...killed another...”

All of a sudden he turned to his left as he muttered grievously,  
“Qing’Er!”

With a quick flash, he had disappeared into the dark smog and the next thing that they had heard was the terrifying scream of the Great Khan Heavenly King!

Everyone began to turn ashen immediately!

Xingyue was shivering as she fell onto her knees and so did the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin!

They were now weeping silence tears!

The Celestial Liege was looking at the Lord Supreme, the Skylord, the Immortal Saint of Swords, Ye Ling, the Martial Sage and the Universal Old Man...

All of them had a grave expression on their faces!

The Universal Old Man was trembling, “As practitioners, we must always keep our emotions under control or we will invite self-destruction upon ourselves. The heart emotion exists in all the divinity stages. The higher our attainment, the greater is the risk...alas, he is really too sentimental...”

# Chapter 221: The Heaviness Tear

Dark smog enveloped the entire vicinity, blurring even the stellar light of the manifesting Flower of Life as deafening echoes caused the entire vicinity to shake!

At first this smog was white but now it had turned to dark!

This dark smog was generated whenever martial forces were generated by the practitioners, seeping through the ground and the ceiling!

Right now, Lingfeng, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lie Qing, Yunzi and Youxue were fighting against the Great Khan Heavenly King and there were no others in sight!

Even though they were startled by the dark smog and the reverberating disturbances of the Pangu Monument, they had no time to pay any attention to it!

However the Great Khan Heavenly King seemed to speak what were in their minds as he fought them off effortlessly, "At first I thought that this smog is caused by the disturbances of our martial forces but it doesn't seem to be the cause. Even these reverberating disturbances are not caused by our martial forces but are self-generating whenever we exercise our martial forces."

Lingfeng gasped softly as she was forced to stumble backward by the tremendous attacks of the Great Khan Heavenly King before she hummed coldly, "What takes you so long to figure it out? The Pangu Monument is absorbing our martial strength and this smog prevents us from seeing each other if we wander too far. Also, these reverberations actually block our acute hearing."

Yunzi nodded and said, "And once a fight breaks out in this place, basically everyone will be isolated unless they are near to each other."

The Great Khan Heavenly King looked at Yunzi and Lingfeng as he said, "You have some brains. Much better than most. Why don't you join me and I may consider sparing the two of you?"

It was because he had already noticed that this Lingfeng and Yunzi seemed extremely bright. They did not need to express their intelligence through words but through their intricate flexible strokes, he was able to tell!

That was because in just a short time, he had already analyzed all his opponents' tactical skills and strengths!

Lingfeng and Yunzi shouted at the same time, "Fat hope!"

The Great Khan Heavenly King gave a grin as he raised his battle axe as he smashed it thunderously on Lie Qing which sent her to fly backward with a soft cry as three of her hovering discs exploded into nothingness!

Youxue gasped out. She stepped forward hurriedly with her palm as she clashed with the Great Khan Heavenly King but she too was forced several steps backward!

The Great Khan Heavenly King knew that these two maidens were perhaps the most skilled fighters in their group.

This Maiden Lie Qing had the most powerful defense and martial power through her Invincible Divine Force. Also she was also an expert in sword energies.

As for this Maiden Youxue, her martial strength and power were equally startling. Not only was she quick in her movements, her attacks were extremely unpredictable!

If it were not for these two maidens then this group would be wiped out in just a matter of time!

Mei'Er said dryly as she jumped out of harm's way, "If only Sister Ye Yin and Sister Xingyue are here with us!"

All the other maidens nodded silently!

It was because the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin and the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue were two of the most talented fighters ever. Even if their opponents were stronger than them, they were not deterred easily.

The Ascension Goddess was able to sense incoming attacks more

acutely than most. Even the Dual Inertness Intricacy of the Eclipse Heaven Goddess Yu'Er and the Axis Heaven Goddess Mei'Er were not able to reach the level of her energy senses. Just how big was their gap? Huge! It was because the Ascension Goddess could even fight with her eyes closed! Coupled with her Denunciation Force, her newly acquired Martial Emperor Unifying Force and her Blessed Heaven, she was easily the most powerful celestial fighter in the Celestial Realm now!

As for the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue, she had her Divine Rejuvenation Force which could steal and replenishes her martial strength even in this place. Her movements and speed were also insanely quick that could strike anywhere she pleased. Also she was also capable of executing two of the most powerful divine skills, the Big Dipper Hands and her unique divine skill the Starlight Divine Finger!

Now for the first time all these proud maidens wished that they were friendlier to Ye Yin and Xingyue when they had the chance. Now it seemed that Ye Yin and Xingyue were particular close even though they were not on the best of terms in the past.

Lie Qing and Ye Yin had fought together. If there was anyone other than Xingyue that Ye Yin respected then it had to be Lie Qing. Therefore they could still talk but Ye Yin did not like company and so did Xingyue. So that was a reason why Ye Yin and Xingyue prefer each other's company.

As for Xingyue, she would still talk to Yu'Er and Mei'Er as they were all Supreme Celestials of the Holy Ascension Sect but she was a loner most of the time.

Xingyue intellect was not beneath Lingfeng and she was exceptional sharp. The other maidens would prefer not to talk too much to her or else they would surely get the receiving end of her sarcastic wit. It was a lucky thing that she preserves that for her enemies most of the time in the examples of Zuo Tianyi and Lu Baiyun.

Xingyue, Ye Yin, Yu'Er and Mei'Er when they were together, they could form the Four Aggregates Sword Formation, a formidable divine swords formation that only the Supreme Celestials could execute!

But unfortunately, the two most key crucial members were all not presented!

Yunzi executed dozens of sword energies and deflected tens of imploding forces before she collapsed on the ground, "...It...seems...that...today...the New Virtuous Palace will be...annihilated..."

She closed her eyes to mutter, "I...am sorry...I am too weak..."

Youxue was startled as she charged forward again to protect Yunzi from further attacks, "Sister Yun!"

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were startled too as they redoubled their strength to enforce their Divine Emerald Skill!

However, the Great Khan Heavenly King displayed an epitome stroke to send Mei'Er and Yu'Er scurrying backward as he smirked coldly, "Your little tricks matter little to me!"

Mei'Er cursed softly as she tried to pick herself up but she was too weak, "Fancy a big man like you picking on the weak, especially the weaker sex!"

Yu'Er grabbed Mei'Er just in time as an energy projectile exploded where she was, "Sister, be careful!"

The Great Khan Heavenly King said coldly while fighting off the advances of Lingfeng, Lie Qing and Youxue at the same time, "So what? Do you know that there is a heavy price to pay for offending a Heavenly King! You will curse at this very day for the remnants of your life. Well if you survive of course."

Lie Qing broke into cold sweats as she mustered all the remaining of her strength; she turned a radiant golden as she mustered all her martial power to unleash a great multitude of cold beaming sword energies at the Great Khan Heavenly King to no avail as she gasped, "Why didn't he fall?"

The Great Khan Heavenly King had swung his battle axe as bursts of sword energies exploded around him. He smirked, "Know this. I am one of the eleventh most powerful Heavenly Kings. I am gifted with formidable strength and my Inertia Manifest Force protects me from most attacks.



While my Inertia Manifest Force may not be as powerful as your Invincible Divine Force, it is part of my inherent strength. At this point while your Invincible Divine Force is faltering and is sapping your strength but I have barely even used any real strength. Your mistake is to fight me here, in the Pangu Monument!”

Lingfeng yelled softly as she raised her right hand to execute the strokes of the Divine Horizon Hands, “I don’t believe!”

The Great Khan Heavenly King hummed coldly as he punched her strokes back, “Then you have better believe...”

All of a sudden there were three bursting rings of martial force around her as she unleashed the Asper Divinity with her left hand which exploded with a thunderous impact when it struck the fists of the Great Khan Heavenly King!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was so startled by the thunderous impact that he took a step back but immediately Lingfeng had followed with another three bursts of explosive force around her as she executed the Asper Divinity again but this time with her right hand!

Lie Qing, Youxue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were startled as they all thought at the same time, “When did Lingfeng learn Yi Ping’s Asper Divinity? And she was even able to use two Asper Divinity at the same time!”

They knew that Lingfeng had once stolen Yi Ping’s secret manual but they had all thought that Lingfeng had never peeked into its contents. That she was able to execute it now, could only mean that she had always been secretly practicing it all this while!

They had always known that Lingfeng had the knack to use two different martial forces at the same time. How did she manage to do it continues to baffle them today but executing two Asper Divinity was even more astonishing!

The question was; could her heart withstand the pressure of executing two Asper Divinity at the same time? Even for Yi Ping, he could only executed it one at a time!

They knew that Lingfeng was desperate now, very desperate!

However this time the Great Khan Heavenly King was prepared as he cleaved through her explosive generated forces as he made a slash on her!

Immediately Lingfeng coughed out blood but not before she had quietly slipped her invisible divine sword from her sleeves to her hand as she pierced his chest with it!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was stunned by the attack. Immediately he retaliated by stomping the fallen Lingfeng a few times much to the horror of Youxue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Lie Qing who had all redoubled their attacks on him!

Youxue gasped as she raised her Divine Nine Cauldron Sword to intercept the Great Khan Heavenly King, "Sister Lingfeng!"

Lingfeng did not seem to hear her as she coughed out blood. She stared intently at the Great Khan Heavenly King as she said weakly, "How does it feel...to be injured?"

The Great Khan Heavenly King hummed coldly as he reached out for the divine sword that had pierced his chest while swinging his battle axe expertly at the rest of his attackers, "I don't know how you manage to locate the temporary weakness of my Inertia Manifest Force. But it is just a futile attempt. My wounds have already healed. I just have to pull out your sword and that is..."

All of a sudden the Great Khan Heavenly King had a tiny twitch in his expression as he tried to pull the sword out of his chest, "I can't pull it out...impossible!"

Lingfeng was extremely pale. She muttered weakly as she closed her eyes, "You...just have to kill me to pull it! Qing'Er, Youxue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er... leave me alone and go! Ping'Er...where are you..."

The Great Khan Heavenly King roared angrily, "Very well then I just have to crush you now!"

Lie Qing gasped out as she quickened her attacks on the Great Khan Heavenly King, "Lingfeng no!"

It was because she knew that Lingfeng must be lying to the Great Khan Heavenly King!

Youxue was also startled as she panicky tried to bypass the formidable defenses of the Great Khan Heavenly king to no avail. Every time they engage him, they could only do so briefly before they had to display their swiftness skill to its fullness to disengage and every time that they did so, it was at their own personal risk!

She knew that Lingfeng was only telling half the truth but she also understood the reason why Lingfeng had done so. So she tapped lightly on Lie Qing, Yu'Er and Mei'Er quietly and pointed her sword at the opposite direction as an indication for them to flee!

By now, Lie Qing, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had also understood Lingfeng and Youxue intention but they stubbornly refused to abandon Lingfeng!

Only Lingfeng knew what would happen. It was the truth that if the Great Khan Heavenly King had wanted to pull her divine sword out, he would have to kill her. But she did not mention to him that if she was dead, her divine sword would also exploded into smithereens at the same time!

Even if he was the most powerful Heavenly King, it was impossible for him to survive this explosion!

She had deliberately calculated all her moves and techniques. This was the only way for them to win and to defeat the Great Khan Heavenly King!

She knew that all it took was just one powerful hit from the Great Khan Heavenly King to kill her now and he could accomplish it in just a blink of an eye!

Lingfeng closed her eyes as she smiled dreamily, recalling in a flash all the memories that she had with Yi Ping...

But that moment of death never occurred!

It was because she was suddenly swept off her feet by a strong familiar grip!

She opened her eyes lightly and was startled to see a familiar figure with two divine swords on his back; it was Yi Ping!

Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Lie Qing and Youxue were all gasping, "Yi Ping! Ping'Er!"

It was indeed Yi Ping but there was something in his eyes that were terrifying to behold!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was startled. It was because he had never even seen him making his approach!

But he did not hesitate at all as he raised his battle axe to cleave at the weaponless Yi Ping!

But no sooner had he done so, he had struck nine beaming golden discs that had burst with a thunderous sound in front of Yi Ping!

And the impact of his battle axe created a sizzling golden fiery sparks that was so earthshaking that the surrounding was hit with secondary explosions!

Yu'Er almost fell to her knees and Mei'Er had almost fainted while Lie Qing had coughed out blood as she was unable to control the flow of her vital energies anymore!

They were fearful for Lingfeng and Yi Ping!

When the plummet of sizzling fumes had cleared, Yi Ping was still carrying Lingfeng and the Great Khan Heavenly King still had his battle axe on top of Yi Ping's nine hovering discs!

It was as though as if they were just as it was before the attack!

Then Yi Ping began to howl aloud as his martial force began to envelop and swirled around him like a towering pillar!

His howling was agonizing and terrifying to behold!

Even the Great Khan Heavenly King was startled as he took a step back, "This much martial force...this strong...I have never seen anything like this..."

But he wasted no time to muster all his entire martial power as he

yelled aloud to smash at Yi Ping!

Again the same thing happened as the air around them exploded thunderously but this time the Great Khan Heavenly King was forced to take three steps back!

When the plummet of fumes had cleared, the nine golden shimmering discs that were around Yi Ping seemed to have glow even brighter and even bigger!

This was not the most startling. The residues of the martial energies aftershocks that were around them were whirling into Yi Ping as though it was being sucked by a vacuum!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was stunned as he simply could not believe his very eyes!

It was because it was as though this Yi Ping was absorbing all the martial forces into himself!

He stared in disbelief, "This...this is impossible! Only the Great God Pangu is able to use the Universal Harmony Force to gather the chaotic energies and to take it as his own..."

All the maidens who were witnessing this scene were all startled. It was as though they were seeing an extremely powerful version of Xingyue's Divine Rejuvenation Force!

Lingfeng was also stirring and was startled. It was because she could feel warm intricate energies coursing through her!

She tried to will her thoughts to Yi Ping and to ask him what had happened but all she could see was a great dark void!

So she called out weakly to Yi Ping, "Ping'Er? Ping'Er..."

But Yi Ping remained stoned and did not seem like he was able to hear her!

Lingfeng knew immediately that Yi Ping had lost control of the emotions in his heart and had lost his free will. She was immediately saddened; she was weeping and her heart was bleeding!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was astonished for he had never seen anything like this before!

But before he could even react, Yi Ping had suddenly seized him by his throat and had banged him with a tremendous force against the pillar!

As he tried to muster his strength again, he was seized again and was banged against the pillar for seven more times in a blink of an eye!

These impacts were so thunderous that black smog was practically enveloping the two of them and everyone could hear shrieking echoes that rung nonstop!

The Great Khan Heavenly King gasped in disbelief, unable to believe that he could be so powerless. He was virtually trembling as blood trickled from his head!

He had been struck by the entire startling force that was surrounding Yi Ping!

But even before he could react, the nine hovering golden discs had suddenly moved and punched him straight in the face one by one with an explosive impact so terrible that he was now screaming!

In the end he could only gasped out, "Spare...me...I am not...a Dark Asura..."

But Yi Ping continued to choke him relentlessly and the nine hovering golden discs continued to explode into his face, choking the life out of him!

Yi Ping was heard saying coldly, "So might is right? So might is right?"

The Great Khan Heavenly King could not answer him for each time a golden disc exploded in his face, Yi Ping could muster another to replace it, hitting him again and again!

Yu'Er held onto her mouth, stunned by the brutality of the attacks!

Mei'Er who was attending to Yunzi, was stunned as well. Even Yunzi who had just regained her senses was on the brink of tears as she gasped, "Ping'Er, is this you?"

It was because the Yi Ping that Yunzi had known would stay his hands on a defeated opponent and he was not like this...

Even Lie Qing could not bear it as she gasped panicky, "Ping'Er, it is alright now. We have won..."

Everyone was calling panicky to him but he seemed like he was being possessed!

At this moment all the others had also arrived and they were all stunned by what they were seeing as the Great Khan Heavenly King was banged on the pillar again and again, punched by explosive impact on his face again and again!

Even Xian'Er was stunned!

Xian'Er called out, "Ping'Er?"

Even Alice, Asura, Isa, Nuwa and all the rest were calling out for him but he was not responding!

They dare not approach him because they knew that Yi Ping had totally lost control of himself and he would attack them if his consciousness perceived them to be a threat!

The killing intent of these Heavenly Kings were too malevolent, too powerful and their actions were simply too despicable!

And all these had caused Yi Ping to fly into a rage and lost control of himself!

Aiel had a frightened expression as she shook her head, "No, this isn't him..."

Alice said quietly and was at a loss, "It is the Kirin Blood that is magnifying his rage emotions. And what's more; inside this Pangu Monument, all afflictions are enhanced a further ten folds..."

The Jade Emperor, the Western Paradise Heavenly King and the other Heavenly Kings were all stunned by what they were seeing...

The Jade Emperor said solemnly, "Is this his true potential? He is summoning his martial force again and again..."

The Western Paradise Heavenly King said quietly, “There is no such thing as unlimited martial strength. He will sooner die of exhaustion if this continues...”

The Avant-garde Heavenly King said gravely, “We must all attack him now. If he turns upon us then that will be terrible...”

But he quietly kept quiet when he noticed that the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Alice, Isa, Han Lin, Xian’Er and many others were all staring coldly at him!

Nuwa said quietly, her voice was trembling lightly. “We can try to seal him...this is better than to lose him completely...”

Asura was muttering incoherently, “Yi Ping, it is alright now...our child is alright...please come back to us...”

All of a sudden Lingfeng had gripped Yi Ping’s hand as she mustered her strength to say tearfully, “Stop it!”

To the astonishment of everyone, Yi Ping had suddenly stopped banging the Great Khan Heavenly King and even his hovering golden discs had ceased to attack him!

Lingfeng cried out as she trembled in his grip, “I know that you have not completely lost yourself! Or else you won’t be carrying me now. But even if I lose you, I will still wait for you! Can you hear me? Can you hear the thoughts that are in my heart? You are supposed to be able to hear me because we are one! We are promised to each other through our celestial duality!”

Yi Ping was suddenly shivering!

Lingfeng cried out again as her tears trickled on his hand, “Do you remember how I had ended my life? After such a long wait, we are together again. But now, you are leaving me without saying a word of farewell to me? How dare you!”

She mustered her feeble strength to slap his face hard and kicking him hard at the same time, “I don’t care even if you become crazy enough to kill me now! My life is yours to claim anyway. How many times have you



helped me already? How many times have you saved me already?"

Everyone was shocked that Lingfeng had the tenacity to slap and kick the berserk Yi Ping now!

The Universal Old Man panicky said coarsely, "My Heavenness! Don't provoke him anymore!"

All of a sudden Lingfeng softened her trembling voice, "You...you...I won't blame you even if you were to take my life now. I won't blame you. For if I lose you again, I will take my own life once more. You know I will do it. I have done it before. I don't care for any attainment. Do you know...do you know that knowing you is the happiest day of my life?"

At the moment, several of the maidens had already turned their heads away as they wept silent tears when they had heard Lingfeng the Heavenness!

Even Alice who was known for her coldness and aloofness had turned her head away!

Lingfeng laughed hysterically as she gave him a soft kick, "Yi Ping...Yi Ping...Yi Ping..."

"Do you always have to kick me like this? I will appreciate a harder kick next time."

Lingfeng and all the others were startled!

It was Yi Ping!

He was rubbing his nose as he gave Lingfeng a pat on her head at the same time while heaving a soft sigh, "Thanks for bringing me back. Now that I am back so please don't cry anymore, alright? I have heard what you have said..."

Lingfeng was gasping. She slapped him hard and kicked him even harder before hugging him tightly in her embrace, "Ping'Er! Ping'Er!"

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he held her soft hands, "Lingfeng, Lingfeng...Now don't cry anymore or I will lose it again..."

Lingfeng could feel his warm hands as she cuddled to him, "I dare you

to lose it again. I will hate you forever...”

Yi Ping smiled, “That is because your Great Emptiness Translucence isn’t such a great skill after all...”

Lingfeng laughed softly as she kicked him hard, “That is because you are such a bad protégé of mine!”

Yi Ping smiled gently but he quickly said quietly, “Next time don’t be reckless and use your life as a stake. I really don’t know what I will do if you are not around...”

Lingfeng chuckled softly as she said shyly, “Stop it. You won’t! You have so many beautiful maidens around you! And they are not invisible. Can you please pick a better time for this? Like in the bed chamber or something?”

At this moment, everyone was really envious of them but they were all nodding to each other and giving this quiet moment to them!

At the same time the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling were looking at each other, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess were looking at each other, so were the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King!

“Shouldn’t I be the main lead?”

Everyone was startled for they had recognized Lele’s voice!

Indeed she had appeared from the dark smog. Her face was glowing and she was stroking her hair, “Why is everyone surprise to see me? Don’t you want to hear about the true secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary?”

Yi Ping was startled, “Lele!”

Lie Qing was smiling, “So it is our dear Sister Lele, making a dramatic appearance as always!”

Yi Si was overjoyed, “Mother!”

The Jade Emperor was also overjoyed, “Lele!”

The Celestial Liege smiled, “Isn’t this my sister.”

Ye Ling looked at him as she smiled, “Indeed, indeed!”

Lele yawned softly as she flew into the embrace of the Jade Emperor, “Grandpa! How I miss you so much!”

The Jade Emperor laughed, “Same here. I miss you more than you miss me. So how many Heavenly Relics have you taken from me. And how are you going to repay me then?”

# Chapter 222: The secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary

Xian'Er and Yi Ping asked at almost the same time, "Lele, are you alright? Do you feel anything amiss?"

All of a sudden they were looking at each other with tender smiles.

Lele smiled wryly, "Nothing is amiss. Why is everyone looking at me in this manner?"

The Jade Emperor said, "Lele, you have not only obtained the Flower of Life but you are also the Alma of the Great God Pangu now."

The Celestial Liege smiled as he looked at the rest, "And of course, the true secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary. That is the most important thing that everyone is interested in. Am I not wrong to say so?"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King beats his chest, "I don't want to be pretentious. I really like to know about the secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary!"

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King laughed at the same time, "That goes for the same here for me as well!"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "Lele, same here as well."

Lele chuckled softly before she lowered her eyes with a faint flush, "Oh very well then..."

All of a sudden she had become solemn, "Of course I have known that I have become an Alma of the Great God Pangu. Why shouldn't I know? You guys are chatting incessantly in my mind like buzzing flies!"

At first, Yi Ping and most of the group did not know what she meant. But very quickly, Yi Ping, Lingfeng, Alice, Nuwa and Xian'Er were looking at each other?

Xian'Er was the first to ask by secretly whispering to them, "Lele, you can hear our celestial duality whispers?"

Lele chuckled in their minds, “Naturally I can! Since I am the Alma of the one and only Great God Pangu!”

Alice whispered, “So you know.”

Nuwa whispered with sarcasm in their minds, “Welcome to the real family then!”

Yi Ping quickly said aloud, “Lele, be serious!”

Lele gave him an unhappy look as she ignored his remark. But she quickly beamed with delight as a golden animus was seen faintly around her!

As she moved slightly, two faint golden wings flashed and disappeared in a blink of an eye!

The Jade Emperor was startled, “This is the Sovereign Celestial Force!...”

The Celestial Liege and Ye Ling were equally startled for they were practitioners of the Celestial Force and they knew they were witnessing the highest epitome level of the Celestial Force!”

Lie Qing yawned softly, “That is interesting, sister. As soon as we can get out of this place, let us have a friendly spar.”

Yi Ping was startled because he seemed to have seen this imagery before!

His thoughts immediately returned to the time when he was in the Inner Holy Chapter of the Holy Hex Sect. At that time he had seen and was awestruck by the visual beauty of the two statues that were depicting two maidens with feather wings on their back!

He quickly stole a glance at Yu’Er and Mei’Er who were constantly looking at him...

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were delighted when Yi Ping had suddenly looked into their way and they were beaming joyously!

But they did not know that Yi Ping was seeing something far beyond into the future and that the two of them were like Lele as well!

He thought to himself, “Besides Lingfeng, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were the only ones that are able to recall their past memories. That is because the attainment that they have achieved in the past far surpassed any others. They were in the mortal realm for ten thousand years, the same as the immortals...”

Ever since Yu’Er and Mei’Er had regained their memories as the Eclipse and Axis Heavenly Goddesses, their demeanors were quieter now. It was because that was actually their true nature. They had only one wish in their minds; to ascend to the Immortal Realm and be with Yi Ping whenever he may be!

Xian’Er smiled gently, “Lele, I am presuming that you have also attained to the Seventh Immortal Positioning?”

Lele laughed softly, “That is right!”

Almost immediately almost all the immortals in the group had a weird expression on them!

It was because it took the Goddess Celestial Alice, the Jade Emperor, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess and the Goddess Asura a long time to reach the Seventh Immortal Positioning. The tribulations that they had to overcome were too many to be told and the number of lonely years that they had to endure was too heartrending to be revived!

Moreover, the Joyful Goddess Lele as an immortal now was very different from them. She had received the cleansing of the Flower of Life and her body constitution was now the same as the original Desolate Immortals!

Even though now she was only a Seventh Immortal Positioning Immortal but it was a lot easier for her to attain the Eighth Immortal Positioning than the rest of them!

Moreover, she had the aid of two Ancient Desolate Artefacts to aid her; the Universal Harmonic Chain and the Flower of Life, not mentioning that she was also the chosen Alma of the Great God Pangu!

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin was blunter as she commented casually, “Why is it that all the good things and all the luck seem to go to her.”

Xingyue sighed softly, “If only my own luck is half as good as her...”

Lele laughed softly as she said shamelessly, “That is because I am the Joyful Goddess, the most blessed goddess in the entire Three Known Realms. Did someone mention just now that I am also the chosen empress of the Three Known Realms?”

The Jade Emperor was startled but he quickly said, “Indeed, indeed but whether you can be a real empress of the Immortal Realm is dictated by the wishes of the others and not solely because you are the strongest. I am a good example of it.”

Alice smiled, “She can take the title of the Eternal Goddess if she wishes. I have no wish to be involved in the lofty affairs of the Immortal Realm.”

Skylord Jun and the Goddess of Mercy took a quick look and nodded at each other.

Skylord Jun said, “The Arhat Practitioners have no wish to interfere in the affairs of the Immortal Realm either. All we want is a place that we can meditate in peace.”

The Goddess of Mercy said coolly, “All we want is peace between the Zen and the Arhat Practitioners. I don’t know what the Heavenly Kings think though since they are back now.”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King said, “I will only heed the commands of the Great Goddess Fantian.”

Almost all the Heavenly Kings nodded in agreement at the same time.

Lele was delighted as she winked at Xian’Er, “Since Sister Xian’Er is my best sister, well I guess that I can be the new empress of the Immortal Realm then?”

The Jade Emperor smiled, “Not so fast, my dear.”

Lele was stupefied, “Grandpa! But you say that...”

The Jade Emperor laughed, "I guess that we can nominate you to be the new empress of the Immortal Realm or even support you but shouldn't you tell us what you have learnt from the Stellar Sanctuary first?"

The Universal Old Man was laughing jovially, "That is right. We have all almost lost our lives here. If you do not at the very least tell us something about it, that won't be too nice of you. Am I right?"

Lingfeng laughed softly, "Old man, you are talking sense. I fully agree with you!"

Lele winked at Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, what do you think?"

Yi Ping rubbed his nose, "Actually no matter what we will say, we have to go along with you. You are already the empress of the Immortal Realm."

Lele laughed softly, "Smart! Why are you so smart today!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "That is only my guess."

Everyone was talking at the same time, buzzing among themselves!

Mei'Er asked Yi Ping, "Young Master Ping, can you tell us? Your Mei'Er is unable to figure it out!"

Yi Ping sighed softly, "We are all trapped in the Pangu Monument and only Lele is able to get us out of here. If we don't nominate her to be the Empress of the Immortal Realm then we can forget about getting out."

Lele laughed, "That is right!"

She was quickly muttering to herself, "But then I should give myself a more fitting title. The Joyful Goddess is maybe too mundane for me now..."

Nuwa interrupted impatiently, "Hurry and tell us what you have learnt or known."

Lele was a little afraid of this Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa so she forced through a smile as she said, "Well, listen carefully..."

When she had said that, everyone began to lean forward eagerly to



listen for they did not want to miss a single word!

Lele inhaled deeply as she closed her eyes to say melancholy, “The Stellar Sanctuary is an Ancient Desolate Artefact that exists since the beginning of time when the great void is just a desolate chaos. It is even more ancient than the Great God Pangu himself.”

She smiled at Yi Ping before continuing, “The Great God Pangu chanced upon the Stellar Sanctuary and tamed it as his own. He soon realized that the Stellar Sanctuary is not an ordinary artefact and it is also host to a force that he has never seen before; a mysterious force that he later named the Universal Harmonic Force. Realizing the significant of this find, he began to meditate upon it. Time passed, he was soon able to cultivate his Desolate Force into the Universal Force and even achieved a breakthrough to the Ninth Immortal Positioning. He soon becomes one of the most powerful of the Desolate Immortals as he defeated numerous others with his newly acquired strength.”

Nuwa nodded as she trembled lightly, “That’s right.”

Yi Ping asked all of a sudden, “Lele, how did you know this?”

Lele smiled gently, “This information is part of the collective memories of the Stellar Sanctuary.”

Yi Ping nodded, understanding it now.

Nuwa sighed softly, “His newly acquired strength will eventually become his curse.”

Lele nodded, “That is because the Great God Pangu isn’t the only immortal that has attained the Ninth Immortal Positioning and had an ancient desolate artefact. There are the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan who had elevated his Desolate Force to the Annihilate Force, the World Ruler Fu Xi who possessed the Great Desolate Force and a few others. A battle between them was bound to happen one day and it did.”

She turned to look at Xian’Er, “Practitioners of the Desolate Force believe in spreading chaos and that might is right but the Great God Pangu disagreed and wanted to forge order out of chaos. There were many

among the Desolate Immortals who were weary of the chaos and wanted a respite. Soon it escalated into a great war between the Great God Pangu and those that opposed him. The Great God Pangu eventually lost.”

The Universal Old Man and Skylord could not resist gasping, “The Great God Pangu would actually lose?”

Even the Heavenly Kings and the Jade Emperor were feeling awkward as they listened. To them, the Great God Pangu had no equal and he was the one that had partitioned the desolate realm into the present Three Known Realms.

Yi Ping shrugged his shoulders as he rubbed his nose, “Well...”

Lele seemed to be looking in the distant as she said, “Time once again passed. One day, the Great God Pangu was able to observe a rare celestial phenomenon of the alignment of the nine planets. The five elemental planets, the Water Planet (Mercury), the Metal Planet (Venus), the Earth Planet (Saturn) and the Fire Planet (Mars) had lined up with the Wood Planet (Jupiter), so did the other Four Annexing Planets. For the very first time, all these planets were in perfect harmony with the Wood Planet. Then...”

She inhaled softly as she trembled lightly, “One of the Annexing Planets disintegrated and become two celestial swords, the Heavenly Tears and the Sovereign Sparks. These two celestial swords would later be known as the divine swords of the Great God Pangu and the Great Goddess Fantian.”

Yi Ping seemed to have felt the warmth of the Fantian Sovereign Sword that was on his back as he thought, “So that is the origin of my sword...”

He did not know why but there was a surging of emotions in him as he looked at Xian’Er who was listening attentively to Lele...

Lele continued, “It was also at this time that the Great God Pangu had a sudden breakthrough as he advanced to the Tenth Immortal Positioning! That was because he had advanced his Universal Force to the Universal Harmonic Force!”

Everyone was gasping. So that was the true attainment of the Great God Pangu, the Tenth Immortal Positioning!

Not even the Great Goddess Fantian had ever attained to this Immortal Positioning before. To everyone, it was simply too mind blowing as they had no idea how to accomplish that!

Nuwa shifted lightly, “You have no idea how difficult it is to advance from the seventh to the eighth and from the eight to the ninth. Until now, I am only in the Eighth Immortal Positioning.”

Everyone was smiling weakly. Of course they knew how difficult it was. In fact, they were all astonished that Yi Ping, Nuwa and Xian’Er had actually attained the Eighth Immortal Positioning!

The once opposing Heavenly Kings looked at Yi Ping, Nuwa and Xian’Er and noticed that unlike the others, they were still looking refreshed. They sighed softly for they all thought that they may actually have a chance against them since they were in the Pangu Monument. It seemed that their recovery rates were astonishing even if they could not regain their martial strength.

Nuwa lowered her glances as she muttered softly, “That is indeed the first among the Desolate Immortals. Even for me, I was attracted to him. Might is right. I don’t care about his ideals. But finally, a third powerful force that appears to break the deadlock of the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan and the World Ruler Fu Xi. There were only the three of us though.”

She smiled to herself, “We have countless fights and quarrels. He wanted me to cultivate the Universal Force just like Fantian did. I refuse to as I am not prepared to give up my hard gained cultivation and to start all over again.”

Yi Ping and the others were startled by this revelation as they did not know that the Great God Pangu and Nuwa actually having this human emotion side to them. It was because Nuwa seemed all too callous.

Yi Ping had suddenly noticed that there was a teary spark in her eyes and he was startled. He sighed to himself, “No wonder the Great God Pangu had wanted me to take care of her. I wonder what has exactly

happened in the past.”

Lele had noticed the expressions that were in Yi Ping. Whatever had happened in the past between the Great God Pangu and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, Lele was determined not to tell Yi Ping. He had to sort it out with her on his own, naturally.

So she continued, “The Great God Pangu warned the Desolate Immortals that if the world’s chaotic desolate forces cannot be tamed then they would soon invite destruction upon themselves. Naturally, they refused to believe him. After a long time, the Great God Pangu eventually won. He banished the surviving remnants of the Desolate Immortals in the Ancient Fortress and cast it to the Great Void.”

Nuwa nodded and she sounded melancholy, “But not all the Desolate Immortals are sealed within the Ancient Fortress. There are many others that are sealed in various secrets with the desolate artefacts.”

The Jade Emperor asked curiously, “Why not sealed everyone in the Ancient Fortress?”

Nuwa smiled and replied coolly, “That is because he couldn’t. The Ancient Fortress doesn’t belong to the Great God Pangu in the first place. Moreover, you can imagine the consequences when all the Desolate Immortals with their ancient desolate artefacts are together?”

The Jade Emperor was startled as he looked at the other Heavenly Kings. They had been forewarned by the Great Goddess Fantian to prepare for the return of the Ancient Fortress and until today, they had no idea what to expect. And after witnessing the strength of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, their morale took a beating!

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen smiled weakly, “If the Ancient Fortress doesn’t belong to the Great God Pangu in the first place, how did the Great God Pangu managed to seal the Desolate Immortals then?”

She mustered the courage to speak and her question was a question that everyone was also interested to know!

Lele smiled weakly, “I don’t know...”

Nuwa said coolly, “The Great God Pangu didn’t need their permission. He simply uses the Stellar Sanctuary to cast the entire city to the Great Void.”

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen was startled, “A city you say? How big and how many Desolate Immortals are there?”

Nuwa replied coolly, “As vast as the Stellar Sanctuary and as many as a hundred thousand.”

Everyone was stunned, including Yi Ping!

A question popped out in their minds; how were they going to deal with such a large numbers?

Nuwa hummed coldly, “Why wrong with all of you? There is nothing to be afraid of. The Three Known Realms had already been formed. The desolate might of the Desolate Immortals are restricted here. There aren’t so many Eighth or Ninth Ranked Immortals anyway.”

Everyone smiled weakly. They already had difficulty in dealing with one Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and they could scarcely imagine dealing with her supposedly, “Aren’t so many.”

Lele continued, “What exactly happens next, you have probably known. The Great God Pangu partitioned the desolate chaos into the Three Known Realms, taming the chaos into order. This monument effort cost him his life but he did not have any regrets...”

She looked at Yi Ping, Xian’Er and Nuwa before muttering, “Almost...”

She beamed, “At the top of the Stellar Sanctuary is a spark residue of the Universal Harmonic Force. Whoever can gain that spark will be the next Great God Pangu and have the might to move the Three Known Realms. But first, there is something about the Stellar Sanctuary that I ought to say to everyone.”

“The Stellar Sanctuary is not only a place for the Celestials to face their tribulations but it is also a trap to eliminate the greedy immortals.”

When she had said that, many of the Heavenly Kings bowed their heads

in shame!

Yi Ping asked, "A trap?"

Lele nodded, "Why do you think everyone ended up here? There are nine identical Pangu Monuments placed in the entire Stellar Sanctuary at various levels. The Pangu Monument cannot be missed by the acute Immortals but a Celestial may miss it altogether."

The Jade Emperor and all the immortals were startled. Now this was beginning to make sense.

Lingfeng said, "So that is the reason why we can't regain our martial strength in the Pangu Monument. This entire place is designed to kill us all." She looked at Yi Ping with a smile before adding, "How vicious, how cunning!"

Yi Ping groaned softly, "Why did I have the feeling that you are making a personal attack on me?"

Lele giggled softly, "Did I?"

But she quickly said, "You must know that once you are inside the Pangu Monument, there is virtually no escape. Unless you are able to obtain the Flower of Life, of course."

Yi Ping was solemn, "But without the Universal Harmonic Chain, it is impossible."

Lele shook her head, "Not entirely but almost there."

The Jade Emperor was perplexed, "So that is the true secret of the Stellar Sanctuary? To bait us into a trap?"

Again Lele shook her head, "The Stellar Sanctuary is a place for trials and great treasures lie within for the wise. However, many had also fallen and become part of the Stellar Sanctuary. Whoever can reach the very top of the Stellar Sanctuary will be able to unravel its deepest mystery and obtain the Pangu Intricate Energy."

Everyone was looking at each other. They were now on the 84th level of the Stellar Sanctuary. Just a few steps more to reach the very top...

Lele knew what the newly joined Heavenly Kings were thinking so she smiled wryly, “Only one can truly obtain the Pangu Intricate Energy and everyone has a chance to obtain it and become the Great God Pangu.”

Her words seemed to have a magical hold on the hearts of everyone as it echoed back, “Only one can truly obtain the Pangu Intricate Energy...and become the Great God Pangu...”

Yi Ping smiled weakly to himself as he thought, “I don’t really want to be the next Great God Pangu but do I have a choice?”

Xian’Er was thinking to herself as she observed Lele, “Why is Lele planting the seeds of doubts in everyone? That isn’t like her...”

Even Lingfeng was suspicious and she was looking perplexed.

Lie Qing had the same suspicious too as she thought, “Why is Lele doing this playacting? Only Yi Ping should rightfully obtain the Pangu Intricate Energy and gains the Universal Harmonic Force...”

Everyone had failed to notice that Alice was ashen as she muttered silently to herself, “The 100th level of the Stellar Sanctuary, the 100th level of the Stellar Sanctuary...he had died in that place...”

All of sudden Yi Ping asked, “Lele, you have obtained the Flower of Life so are you able to get us out of here?”

Lele smiled alluringly, “I can move you everywhere in the Stellar Sanctuary that you want.”

Yi Ping was startled, “Really?!”

Mei’Er asked excitedly, “Even to the 100th level?”

Lele grinned, “Yes, even to the 100th level of the Stellar Sanctuary!”

Mei’Er was startled, “Come, let us all go now!”

Immediately the Jade Emperor and all the Heavenly Kings were looking at Lele excitingly!

Yi Ping was staring at Lele in astonishment, “Really?”

If Lele could take them to the 100th level directly then it would save

them plenty of hardships and risks!

Lele smiled to Yi Ping as she extended her hand, “So do you want to go there now or not?”

Everyone was looking at Yi Ping eagerly now as he looked back at everyone!

The Universal Old Man gave Yi Ping a pat, “Ping’Er, don’t look at me like this. I am not going to stay out of the Stellar Sanctuary while you have the fun.”

The Lord Supreme looked at Yi Ping, “I seek knowledge. If I don’t get to see what is on the 100th level floor, I will regret it forever. It is better that you kill me now!”

Han Lin, Aiel, Yu’Er and Mei’Er were flocking around Yi Ping as they looked at him with pleading eyes!

Yi Ping closed his eyes to ponder...

Lingfeng muttered, “He didn’t want to make us take any more risks. He is always like this. He rather goes to the 100th level floor alone...”

Lie Qing turned to Lele to say, “If he asks you to bring us out of the Stellar Sanctuary, don’t even bother to listen to him!”

The Martial Sage beats his chest, “Young hero, we have met once more. It seems that the destiny of everyone is in your hands now. If you don’t go to the 100th level floor, there won’t be another chance. What if the Ancient Fortress were to descend upon the Immortal Realm?”

Alice was trembling, “Maybe it is better not to go to the 100th level floor. The Dark Chaos Lord went there and he never returns.”

The Goddess Isa was startled and she too, was staring blankly in thin air, “He never returns...”

Alice said, “Through the Celestial Alice, I know that he did reach the 100th floor but he didn’t return. That is because...”

She looked at Yi Ping as she said quietly, “That is because only dead men don’t return from the Stellar Sanctuary.”



All of a sudden Yi Ping opened his eyes as he said, “That is enough. We will continue to go to the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary and as a group.”

Almost everyone was overjoyed except for Alice and Isa!

Lele said coolly, “If that is your decision then so shall it be!”

Alice sighed softly as she looked away...

Yi Ping looked at Alice for a while before he turned to look at everyone, “But first, we have to get out of here. We have to recuperate first and regain our strength first. Am I right?”

The Universal Old Man immediately slammed his fists, “That is right! I am almost half-dead!” He purposely looked at those Heavenly Kings who he fought earlier while saying so.

Yi Ping inhaled deeply, “But before we go to the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary, we must go to the 90th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary first. Is that alright?”

Everyone was startled by Yi Ping’s requests but as all the maidens returned a baffled look, many of them broke into smiles!

The Universal Old Man was perplexed as he asked Lingfeng, “My Heavenness, what is wrong with them? Why are they so happy? Shouldn’t we go to the 100th floor first?”

Lingfeng whispered to him, “Have you forgotten what is in the 90th floor? There is one more Feather Sword Shard to be found...”

When the other maidens had heard Lingfeng, many of them began to blush and turned their heads away!

Even the Goddess Isa had an excited look in her eyes!

Lie Qing was shaking her head as she muttered, “I got a very bad feeling about this. There are so many of us and yet there is only one Feather Sword Shard...”

Even though her voice was extremely soft but it was precise in everyone’s eyes.

The Goddess Aiel laughed softly, "As long as there is a chance, who cares about it?"

Han Lin laughed, "That is right. Mistress, I am not going to give way to you this time."

Aiel was amused, "When did you ever give way to me?"

Han Lin winked at Yi Ping as she replied Aiel, "Don't expect me to give way to you. Let's compete it fair and square."

Youxue turned to Yunzi to say coolly, "We must be wary of them. They may plot to get rid of us first."

Yunzi laughed softly, "I think they are pretending to have a little quarrel and to put us down our guard."

Aiel and Han Lin began to flush lightly as they quickly protested at the same time, "It is not!"

Lie Qing yawned softly as she looked at the Ascension Goddess Ye Yin and the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue, "It is going to be interesting."

Xingyue smiled coldly, "Indeed, indeed!"

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin laughed softly, "Don't look at me like this. I am so shy!"

She winked at the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Gusu Xiang and the Goddess Asura, "Aren't they the more dangerous opponents?"

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang and the Goddess Asura pretended to look the other way as though they were not bothered!

Yu'Er said to Mei'Er, "My good sister, I have not really competed with you in anything but this time, I have no other choice."

Mei'Er smiled, "It is alright, my good sister!"

Xian'Er muttered softly, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er..."

All of a sudden Alice said coldly, "The highest level that I can ascend is the 89th floor. Floor 90th and above is another league altogether. Even a Heavenly King may not survive there. Moreover, there are just too many

of us. You can imagine the strength of the trials that we will face. If anyone doesn't want to die then they have better leave the Stellar Sanctuary while they have the chance."

Mei'Er asked, "This is all too easy. We can always ask Lele to disable the celestial formations of the Stellar Sanctuary for us. It will be a breeze..."

Lele was smiling weakly as she interrupted, "Unfortunately, I can't. I can only bring you as close as possible to where you want to go. Only the destined Great God Pangu can truly control the Stellar Sanctuary."

Mei'Er and the others were slightly startled as they looked at each other...

However, Yi Ping said aloud, "Let's get to the outside first."

He looked at the unconscious Great Khan Heavenly King as he lifted him up, "Let's bring him along too. It is too cruel to leave him in this place."

Lie Qing said, "He tries to kill us just now. If he goes outside and regains his strength, it will be very hard to restraint him..."

The Western Paradise Heavenly King laughed, "When he regains his strength, so will we. With so many of us here, he won't be so foolish and may even join us."

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen shrugged her shoulders to say, "He isn't that bad compared to the rest of the Heavenly Kings. He is just too insolent."

Yi Ping nodded, "Too many have perished today. Even if he doesn't want to be our ally, he is free to go so long as he doesn't have the intention to fight us."

Xian'Er nodded gently, "I agree with you, Ping'Er. If we leave him here then it is as good as killing him."

The Avant-garde Heavenly said at the same time, "I agree with the Great Goddess Fantian."

The Formosa Heavenly King nodded, "He may be insolent but he is not

foolish enough to oppose us.”

Nuwa said, “Then what are we waiting for then? Do as he said then. He is the leader of our group!”

Lele nodded, “Oh well then...”

All of a sudden the ground beneath her was shaking and Lele was being enveloped by a beautiful angelic light that seemed to pull everyone to her. She was heard saying, “Stay close to me and follow the light if you are unsure or are lost!”

Immediately everyone seemed to be pulled by a mysterious force that was sapping their strength!

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he suddenly asked, “Lele, is this dangerous?”

Lele seemed to be in a truce as she paid no heed to Yi Ping or the others who were calling out to her!

Lingfeng was ashen as she fell against Yi Ping. She murmured, “Why didn’t I remember to ask her that...I seem to have forgotten that she has never used this celestial formation of hers before...”

Lie Qing had immediately mustered her Invincible Divine Force to steady herself while cursing, “Whatever it is, it is too late for regrets now...”

Han Lin said ruefully, “We didn’t get killed by our enemies but we are soon going to be killed by Lele...”

The Jade Emperor had turned very pale as he murmured, “We have so many of us here. If it is just a few then it is alright. I am afraid that Lele may not have the celestial strength to get us out of here!”

It was because it was too obvious to everyone that this celestial formation that was forming at the moment was too unstable and it looked as if it would collapse onto everyone at any time!

The Universal Old Man was muttering miserably, “I don’t believe...I don’t believe...”

# Chapter 223: Floor 90th

When the circles of warping light and faint hexagrams had disappeared, the group found themselves in a great wilderness surrounded by lofty pristine mountains!

Yi Ping was momentarily blinded by the sudden bright light of this place but he quickly recovered his orientation to ask, "Is everyone here? Who is missing? Where are we?"

Everyone was looking at each other and was checking their numbers breathlessly!

After making a quick check, Yi Ping was relieved that everyone that he called out to Lele with a helpless expression. "Lele, why didn't you warn us..."

Lele wiped the beads of sweat that were on her forehead as she exclaimed rather indignantly, "Aren't we make it out of there alive? It is all thanks to me..."

She proceeded to tug Xian'Er and Lie Qing, "My sisters, why aren't you defending me?"

Lie Qing gave a faint smile as she narrowed her enchanting eyes, "I think that you have a lot of explanations to do with the rest. I am not affected by your Celestial Force so I am not bothered. But I can't say for the rest of the group."

It was well known that her Invincible Divine Force counteract the Celestial Force!

Xian'Er said gently, "Lele, you shouldn't have done that without asking."

Lele was beginning to see that everyone was giving her a hateful look!

Even Yi Ping was annoyed as he looked for Lele for an explanation!

With a twitching expression, Yi Ping stared at Lele to ask. "Did you just steal the martial powers from some of us?"

The Celestial Force was indeed capable of absorbing the martial power

from the practitioners, especially now that Lele had attained to an even higher level, the Sovereign Celestial Force!

Against so many highly attained practitioners, it was impossible for her to do so. But she had done so under the guise of activating a transmigrating celestial formation and had caught everyone unaware!

Even the Jade Emperor was muttering, "I can't believe that she will even steal my martial power..."

The Universal Old Man was muttering, "I don't believe, I don't believe..."

Lele protested almost immediately, "There are so many of you. If I don't borrow some of your martial strength then I don't have the celestial strength to get all of us out!"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King roared with laughter, "Never mind that! It is not a great loss anyway. It is just a little bit. It is a small price to pay for our escapade."

Yi Ping quickly bowed his hands respectfully to the Western Paradise Heavenly King to show his appreciation.

The Formosa Heavenly King, the Avant-garde Heavenly King, the Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Heavenly Pagoda King nodded at the same time.

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King looked at the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess before he said, "It is quite insignificant actually. I am just surprised that she is able to absorb all the different types of martial powers as her own. The Sovereign Celestial Force is really something."

Everyone was also saying, "Forget about it. She did get us out of there. It is not a great loss. We will regain our martial power after future cultivation. It doesn't really affect our attainment."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh. It may be true that their loss was quite insignificant and no more than one tenth. The higher their attainment, it was even less.

But he was unhappy with this dishonorable act. But the group seemed

to be willing to let it go so he said sternly to Lele, "Don't ever do that again!"

Lele clapped her hands jovially as she exclaimed delightfully, "I won't!"

The Celestial Liege who was her brother was highly displeased, "Lele, we need to have a talk in private..."

But Lele seemed not to pay him any heed as she went on to cuddle Xiao Ping as she sobbed pitifully, "Woah! Xiao Ping, you have grown so big now. All my family is blaming me but I am actually the one that got everyone out of such a precarious situation. How precarious, they should ask their heart. Instead of being grateful to me, they gave me all these unappreciative looks!..."

Yi Si muttered, "Mother, not me..."

Lele appeared to weep pitifully although there were hardly any tears, "Do you know, do you know that I have placed my very own life in mortal danger by trying to amalgamate all the foreign vital energies?"

She continued to sigh softly as she patted the forehead of the Divine Golden Kirin, "Only you are willing to listen to me! I am so pitiful!"

Lie Qing raised her eyebrows as she smiled weakly. She really did not know whether she should laugh or cry. It was obvious to her that Lele was only playacting in front of everyone. She may be able to fool everyone except for her.

It was because in terms of playacting skills, Lele was still a far cry from her!

But ever since Lie Qing had come to know Yi Ping, she had really turned over a new leaf. She used to make sports of everyone but what did she receive in return? Distrusts, betrayals and she had no real friends that she could put her faith in till she had known Yi Ping!

She could be the most mesmerizing enchantress in an instant if she wanted to and sow further discords but...

She looked at the quiet demeanor of her sister, Xian'Er. She was Yi

Ping's unofficial first wife but she was always ever so gracious and did not vie for Yi Ping's attention. When she married Yi Ping, that was because she was grateful to him but she had almost regret immediately as she thought it was at a spur of a moment. That was why she feigned her own death and decided to betrothed Yu'Er and Mei'Er to Yi Ping.

She wondered what was Xian'Er thinking now?

But Xian'Er had already turned away to watch over the surroundings keenly for everyone.

She sighed in her heart, "That is our Xian'Er, always putting the group interest over her own self. Right now, I am still learning that from her."

The Martial Sage had also noticed that Xian'Er was not interested in the outcome of this dispute. He wanted to approach her but he really lacked the courage for Xian'Er was being surrounded by so many maidens. It was hard to approach her on his own to even talk to her!

It was not to say that he still have lofty thoughts on her but Xian'Er was his only friend and one that he could never forgot in all these years.

Yi Ping patted Lele on her shoulder, "Lele, you know. I am thinking that Xiao Ping can't really understand you or even talk back to you."

Lele flashed Yi Ping a look as she stomped lightly, "Of course he can! He is a divine beast!.."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "He can't..."

Lele retorted, "He can!"

Alice said all of a sudden, "Xiao Ping come over here!"

And Xiao Ping was next to Alice in the next instant!

Alice winked at Yi Ping as she gave Xiao Ping a gentle pat, "See! He is able to understand!"

Lele nodded eagerly, "Look! Look!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he rubbed his nose, "Alice, why are you on her side?"



The Universal Old Man, the Lord Supreme and the Immortal Saint of Swords were all smiling as they looked at each other with the same thought, "Yi Ping is actually so lucky to have Alice and Lele..."

Alice smiled gently, "Because I like. She is not wrong. So why shouldn't I be?"

Lele nodded as she clapped her hands delightfully as though she had found a new friend!

Yi Ping took a quick look at the rest of the group. After noting that there seemed to be no resentment against Lele, he said. "Alright then. We shouldn't dwell on this anymore. Let's us be on our way. We all know that Lele has indeed helped us out and she is only forced to steal our martial power because she lacks the celestial strength to do to bring everyone out at the same time."

He looked at everyone to ask again, "I hope that everyone understands this."

Everyone was nodded, there was no resentment from anyone!

Lingfeng moved her lips to say something. But only Yi Ping, Lele, Alice, Xian'Er and Nuwa were able to hear her secret whisper, "Good! Let's us go now. Lele is really so smart. She knows that others may be feeling a little resentful but she has now totally dispersed the doubts that are in their hearts. I think I am the smartest but somehow Lele seems to have already thought out many steps ahead."

Lele whispered back immediately, "Um no! I didn't! I am really upset!"

Nuwa whispered back, "Now this is really interesting. So your name is Lele? I keep forgetting your name. But I will surely remember yours. You look like you are an interesting opponent and one that is worthy of my attention."

Lingfeng remarked sarcastically, "So you mean Alice and I are not worthy to be your opponent?"

Nuwa whispered with a haughty tone, "She is the Alma of the Great God Pangu. And what are you?"

Lingfeng answered her coolly, "I am the Alma of the Great Goddess Fantian and I am also one of Yi Ping's official wives! That makes me one notch higher than you!"

Alice had also whispered back and her tone was icy, "Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa! I, Celestial Alice of the Goddess Theocracy never forgive a slight. If you still see us as one body then you need to get along with everyone first!"

Xian'Er said quietly, "Lady Nuwa, this isn't the time for strife. We should all get along well with one another."

Nuwa hummed coldly but did not say anything more.

Yi Ping was thinking to himself and was not paying attention to them, "Lele has always been wiser than she appears to be. It is good that she is able to protect herself but sometimes I feel that she should loosen up a little and share her fears with me..."

All of a sudden the Western Paradise Heavenly King laughed aloud, "So where should we go now?"

At that everyone seemed to be spirited!

Yi Ping said, "We need a little rest first. Lele, do you know if we are at the Life or Death Gate? Are you able to tell?"

Lele looked at little startled as she narrowed her beautiful eyes to say, "I...don't know. I just visualize on where the Feather Shard is and focus on bringing us to the 90th floor. Where we are exactly now, I do not know."

Yi Ping was looking at the serene mountain sides and the lofty passing clouds, "This won't be easy at all."

Isa asked him with a smile, "What is wrong? Once we have regained our strength, there is nothing to be feared. After all, most of us here are the best of our generation!"

Xiang gave Yi Ping an enchanting nod, "I have to agree as well."

Yi Ping said, "The most dangerous thing to do is overtly too competency of ourselves. By now, you have witnessed how unpredictable the trials of

the Stellar Sanctuary are. The more numerous we are, the trials will adjust by itself to catch the unaware. Therefore we must always be on our guard.”

Lingfeng said quietly, “Yi Ping is the Great God Pangu incarnate and he must have his insight to be wary...”

She quickly smiled at the rest of the Heavenly Kings, “Oh well, if you believe that of course.”

Youxue interrupted, “Surely Yi Ping isn’t thinking of sending some of us out of the Stellar Sanctuary? I will protest even if I am not the one who is being sent out.”

Han Lin immediately said hurtfully, “That..is right...”

Aiel was also protesting, “Same...here!”

Han Lin and Aiel knew that they were weaker than the majority here and if anyone were to be sent away then it must be them!

Yi Ping quickly said, “No, we will all remain as a group.”

Immediately, almost everyone began to calm down!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, “Oh good. I don’t know how to reach the 100th floor if Yi Ping and Lele decide to abandon us on their own.”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King sighed softly, “You shouldn’t entertain the lofty dreams of getting the Essential Righteous Energy. That right belongs to the Great Goddess Fantian...”

Then he smiled when he looked at Yi Ping as he bowed with his hands, “Or to you. I like to believe that you are the incarnate of the Great God Pangu but I dare not make any hasty judgements now. I hope that you understand.”

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen was blunter, “We are not doubting you but the Great God Pangu was said to have exhausted his last when he completed the creation of the Three Realms, dissipated into the Great Void, along with his soul and spirit.”

She took a look at Xian'Er, "Even if the Great Goddess Fantian says so, we still need some time to accept it. You are strong. Maybe you are the new inheritor of the Great God Pangu. So take us to the last floor and let us witness you taking the mantle of the Great God Pangu. Then we will surely be convinced."

She had said it in a nice and sweet manner but it was actually a subtle challenge!

But Yi Ping did not seem to mind and he simply smiled.

The Western Paradise Heavenly King said of a sudden, "I think all the Heavenly Kings and the Jade Emperor should have a little talk."

The Jade Emperor stroked his long white beard, "It is time that we should have a talk."

The Western Paradise Heavenly King turned to look at Lele, "And that includes you, the Joyful Goddess."

Lele hummed, "The Great Joyful Goddess!"

She quickly added, "Well, that is my new title!"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King laughed aloud, "My Great Joyful Goddess, I think that the Great Joyful Empress Goddess suits you much better!"

Lele gave him a beaming smile, "You are right. Therefore I proclaim now that my new celestial title will be the Great Joyful Empress Goddess!"

Lie Qing giggled softly as she clapped for her, "Such exalted title, such exalted title. It is so befitting for you!"

She was the only one that actually clapped for Lele while the others looked on, feeling more amused than moved by Lele's new title.

Lele laughed softly, "Well, if Sister Qing'Er thinks so, then it must be so! I wonder what Sister Xian'Er and Yi Ping think about it?"

Yi Ping muttered softly, "Very good..."

All of a sudden, the Great Khan Heavenly King stirred from his

unconsciousness as he coughed out weakly, “Where am I? I am still alive?”

As he opened his eyes and was dazzled by the bright light, he was stunned to see so many eyes looking at him at the same time!

He tried to muster his strength but before he could do so, the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King had flashed to him to hold him down while the Heavenly Pagoda King was saying to him, “I will advise you to consider your current situation carefully and to join us.”

The Great Khan Heavenly King appeared to be stunned and he was even more baffled when he found out his intricate energies were in disarray!

Lele giggled to herself and it was also evidenced on her countenance, “Because you are unconscious so I have taken more from you. Serves you right!”

There was a limit on how much she could steal and it was no more than thirty percent from even an unconscious person. But for this Great Khan Heavenly King, she pushed herself to the limits to steal a fifth of his martial power.

But then she really had no other choice. Only the Great Khan Heavenly King’s martial power was the easiest to steal as he was knocked out cold. Without the martial powers from everyone, she was surely unable to get everyone out of the Pangu Monument!

Yi Ping extended a hand to the Great Khan Heavenly King, saying gently to him. “The fight is over. You are free to join us or leave on your own. If you want to leave, we won’t stop you at all.”

When the Great Khan Heavenly King saw Yi Ping, he immediately turned ashen!

He immediately stammered out panicky, “I will join, I will join. I dare not leave...”

He had completely misunderstood Yi Ping’s intentions and thought that Yi Ping was subtly giving him a test of his loyalty!

That was because earlier he had been overwhelmed out by Yi Ping's martial prowess that at the sight of him again, he was completely freaked out now!

# Chapter 224: The Death Gate of the 90th Floor

It did not take them long to find a passage in the recesses of the mountains.

This passage was hot and the heat generated was intense.

A 40m towering black gate with golden runes inscribed on it soon greeted them.

Yi Ping had taken the lead as he looked at the group, "Is everyone alright?"

The majority of the group smiled weakly for they had taken a long walk through this smoldering heat.

Right now, everyone had been holding their breath for the past thirty minutes and they were feeling wobbly. It was because the smoldering heat was extremely venomous!

Everyone was holding their breath with their best intricate breathing techniques and maintaining their utmost efforts through sheer of will.

Yi Ping had held a mouthful of his vital breath with his Divine Revelation. Because of his mastery, he was able to recirculate the same vital breath within him for a long time.

Nuwa hummed coldly to Lele, "What a great place that you have brought us! This is actually the Death Gate and this whole place is like the infernal hell!"

Lele giggled softly, "So this is how the infernal hell looks like! Thanks for telling me. I am always wondering what hell looks like. It isn't as horrible as I have been expecting!"

She batted an eye to the Celestial Liege and to Yi Si, "Why are my brother and daughter so quiet?"

Yi Si giggled but said nothing.

The Celestial Liege growled softly, “I really don’t understand at all.”

Lele asked, “Don’t understand what?”

The Celestial Liege heaved a heavy sigh, “I have trained every single day, four hours daily and my lazy sister actually ascend to the Celestial Realm earlier than me. Not only that, she is an immortal now...”

Lele corrected him immediately, “The Great Joyful Empress Goddess! You are to address me as such. I am making no exception for you even if you are my brother! That is because all immortals will have to bow before me. You don’t have to bow though. That will be my special grace towards you!”

Almost all the Heavenly Kings and Immortals were staring at Lele now; they were bemused, startled or astonished as they all thought. “Do I need to bow before her? Why did I agree to acknowledge her as the Empress Goddess of the Three Realms?”

It seemed that Lele was able to read their minds. She snapped her fingers to say, “That is because I am the Alma of the Great God Pangu. That is the undisputed fact. Only I can approach the Great God Pangu and bring everyone to the 100th level of the Stellar Sanctuary!”

Nuwa cursed softly, “Her boldness and audacity knows no limit...”

The rest of the maidens who had long acquainted with Lele were smiling secretly as they exchanged amused looks. While Yu’Er, Mei’Er and even Lingfeng had changed considerably, the Lele that they had known had never changed and the same went for her luck too!

Lie Qing lamented softly, “I don’t understand how on earth is she able to step on everyone’s toes and get away each time. Not only get away but her luck is simply too unbelievable. She should be the Goddess of Luck instead...”

The Jade Emperor faked a cough to get Lele and everyone else attention, before saying. “The final boss of the 90th floor lies within here. Are we ready?”

Alice flurried to the Jade Emperor, companied by Isa, Asura and Aiel as



she said gently. “Respected Jade Emperor, I have something to say. I don’t mean anything else to damper our spirits but I need to warn everyone that this is the 90th floor. We should exercise caution and think twice before we proceed further.”

The Jade Emperor smiled, “Alice, you can disperse with such politeness. I am no longer the Jade Emperor of the Three Realms. But for you to say so, you must have reasons?”

When Yi Ping saw the black obsidian gate, he had all of a sudden had an uneasy feeling. It seemed that something dark was within it!

He began to recount his difficult experiences in obtaining the first Feather Sword Shard. He asked himself, “Why are the Feather Sword Shards only found in the 30th, 60th and 90th floor? And why is it that it is protected by extraordinary celestial formations that are so formidable that it is an almost thing to obtain it?”

He paused briefly before considering, “In these thousands of years and the last six descend of the Stellar Sanctuary, none has ever obtained the Feather Sword Shard on the 30th floor even though most powerful Celestials will be able to reach that level. Did they all miss the 30th floor or the few that had reached the location that the Feather Sword Shard was in, all perished?”

He did not dare to confide in the others of his fears because he did not want anyone of them to be anxious or panic. Or else he would not be Yi Ping. He had always kept things to himself. If it is a bad thing then he would not say it loud!

But this time, he was forced to think hard. It was because this concerns the life and death of everyone. In such a big group, the celestial formation that was going to be descended was surely going to be extremely formidable!

He stared blankly at the Jade Emperor as he thought, “He had found the Feather Sword Shard on the 60th floor and had given it to Yi Si. The formidable formations on the 60th floor may not be too difficult for a high immortal like the Jade Emperor to handle. For sure he is a top

immortal fighter or else he wouldn't be able to handle so many Heavenly Kings on his own and remained undefeated. No wonder I was defeated by him in a blink of an eye when I first fought with him. Now I know the reason."

He stared at the gigantic black obsidian gate, "But I don't want to give it up." Somehow he felt that he had to obtain the Feather Sword Shard. There was a throbbing urge that was within him...

He sighed softly, "I have thought that with my present attainment in my Great Emptiness Translucence, I will not be tempted by the desires of the heart."

As he pondered, he looked at the group that was with him as he thought. "But then, we are all here in the Stellar Sanctuary. Aren't we all bound by the secret desires of the heart?"

"Yi Ping?"

He was startled by Alice who had called out to him suddenly. He smiled, "Yes?"

Alice nodded to Asura, who immediately stepped forward with the black rod. She whirled it all of a sudden and it became a long staff with two golden hexagon heads.

Asura looked at Yi Ping shyly before saying, "I am sure that all of you are aware that this immortal weapon that is my hand is the Symphony of Destiny."

The Jade Emperor and the rest of the Heavenly Kings nodded. In the Immortal Realm, the Symphony of Destiny was one of the most powerful immortal weapons in existence. It was also said to be the key to the Stellar Sanctuary!

The Goddess Asura raised the Symphony of Destiny as she lifted her eyes to say unhurriedly, "There is a legend in the Immortal Realm that the Symphony of Destiny is the true key to the Stellar Sanctuary."

The Jade Emperor nodded slowly, "I have heard of it. Is it true?"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King smiled, "If you didn't mention it, I would have already forgotten."

Asura took a hesitant look at Xian'Er, asking. "Can I?"

Xian'Er nodded gently, "I know that Alice and you have the good meaning to warn every one of the perils that will soon befall us. In that case, do not be afraid to speak."

Nuwa was curious, "How come no one has ever told me the importance of that staff?"

Mei'Er laughed softly, "Because you have never asked and because if we told you, you would have already seized it!"

Before Nuwa could cast her malevolent eyes on Mei'Er, she had already hid herself behind Xian'Er and Yu'Er!

Everyone was suppressing the urge not to laugh aloud!

Asura nodded before she said solemnly, "The Great Goddess Fantian has given the Goddess Theocracy the Stellar Sanctuary and the Symphony of Destiny for safekeeping. While the Symphony of Destiny is not exactly a map, it contains inscriptions of the various safe havens of the Stellar Sanctuary. As long as we do not stray from the safe points, we will be able to avoid the formidable formations of the Stellar Sanctuary."

Yi Ping rubbed his nose to say, "Except that we didn't really stay on the safe points."

Lingfeng giggled softly, "If we did then we won't be able to reach the upper levels! Who is the guy that takes us here and there?"

Youxue smiled mesmerizing, "No pain, no gain!"

Yunzi smiled weakly, "Except that we have nearly lost our lives several times over!"

Yi Ping shrugged his shoulder as he said, "This is not the time for laughs. The fumes here are extremely poisonous. Be careful not to take in any."

Lingfeng yawned softly, "I wonder who the one that is commenting the

unnecessary first?”

Asura smiled faintly as she continued, “But!” She had raised her pretty voice, “There are no safe haven points from the 90th floor and beyond!...”

Nuwa yawned softly as she snapped her fingers, “We are not looking for a safe haven. We are looking to fight the boss!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King, who was equally combative as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa, applauded her. “Right, right!”

Yu’Er giggled softly, “I say that the Lady Nuwa and the Western Paradise Heavenly King certainly makes a good pair!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was startled as he exclaimed panicky, “No, no!”

Nuwa took a lazy glance at the Western Paradise Heavenly King as she answered coldly, “He has to wait a million years first. Even then, I may not even consider him.”

All the maidens were suddenly smiling and Yi Ping was no exception!

He sighed softly to himself, “I shouldn’t have done that...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was smiling weakly as he looked awkwardly at the other Heavenly Kings, “Yes, yes.”

But he quickly recovered his composure, “Asura, will you please continue.”

Asura nodded and said, “For all we know, the levels between level 90 to 99 may be there to bait us into a trap.”

She waited for it to sink as everyone began to look at each other.

Yunzi was the first to ask, “Didn’t the Dark Chaos Lord succeeded in reaching the very top?”

The Goddess Celestial Alice answered quietly with a tinge of sadness, “But he had perished and had become part of the Stellar Sanctuary now.”

But she smiled faintly as she said quickly, “We have deciphered some of the inscriptions of the Symphony of Destiny. After discussing with Asura,

we think that from the 90th floor onward, the difficulties of the trials have a sudden increase of three folds.”

She paused to let it sink for a while for everyone.

Everyone, including Yi Ping and the Heavenly Kings had a sudden solemn expression. It seems as though the mood of the atmosphere had suddenly become really tense!

The Western Paradise Heavenly King asked solemnly as he took a look at the Jade Emperor, “Are you sure?”

The Jade Emperor was stroking his long beard and his expressions were extremely grave!

It was because a three folds increase was not something that even the Heavenly Kings had the confident to handle, even at their peak!

Alice nodded slowly, “When the Great Goddess Fantian handed over the Symphony of Destiny to me, she had specified me to decipher the runes that are on it, for it will shed the clues from the 90th floor onward.”

Xian’Er touched the Symphony of Destiny gently before she heaved a soft sigh, “I can only remember that when the Great God Pangu handed the Stellar Sanctuary and the Symphony of Destiny to me, he had warned me not to ascend to the upper floor of the Stellar Sanctuary. And this warning is even engraved in the citadel that I have found myself in.”

The Jade Emperor added solemnly, “The Stellar Sanctuary is meant to be extremely difficult. This is also to prevent the Desolate Immortals from seizing the ultimate secrets of the Stellar Sanctuary, lest they would revert the Three Realms to its original desolate state.”

Nuwa murmured softly, “Oh, really.”

Yi Ping touched the obsidian gate as he looked up, “Stronger than the strongest Immortals...”

The Great Khan Heavenly King grumbled unhappily, “We should have gone to the 100th floor immediately instead!...” But as he was about to say something more, he noticed that half the group was giving him an

unfriendly stare so he did not continue.

Yi Ping turned to Yunzi, "Yunzi what do you think?"

Yunzi smiled serenely, "It has been a long time since you have asked me anything. It isn't a bad thing because you have already learnt to take charge of things."

She was actually praising Yi Ping as she took a dovey look at him.

Youxue nodded as she heaved a soft sigh, "We have thought that we are the smart ones but you are the one that have led us to safety so far."

Yi Ping appeared to be a little awkward, "I...I am just following my instinct. I actually didn't give much thought to anything."

Lingfeng laughed softly, "That is right. At least he has the guts and awareness to admit that."

Yi Ping growled, "Lingfeng..."

But Lingfeng smiled as she quickly interrupted him, "I used to think I am smart. But if he is as smart as me then everything will be so different and it will be disastrous in the end."

Many of the maidens were nodding and heaving soft sighs. If Yi Ping had listened to them then everyone would have died ten times over!

Yunzi chuckled softly, "That is so true!"

Yi Ping was solemn as he said, "Yun, can you tell me what you are thinking?"

Yunzi looked at him for a while before she heaved a soft sigh, "I think that you have already made up your mind on this..."

She paused briefly before continuing, "Even though until now, the trial seems pretty easy but it is actually much more dangerous than it seems."

She lifted her fingers to point at her surroundings, "Look at these poisonous fumes that are here. Until now, we cannot exchange a fresh intake of vital breath. These fumes may seem insignificant now but it will be a totally different matter once a fight breaks out. This will cause us to

be in dire straits if we are not fully able to utilize our strength.”

Everyone nodded. Actually they had already known it but none of them wanted to be the first to say it!

Yunzi emphasized, “If we cannot exchange a fresh intake of vital energy then we cannot muster our martial powers once it have dissipated. Beside, mustering our martial powers will consume our existing vital breath and endanger us too.”

That was the worries that were plaguing Yi Ping, Alice, Asura and Xian’Er!

But what other choices did they have now?

Yunzi looked gently at Yi Ping, “Ping’Er, are you thinking the same as I am thinking? Are you? What will you do?”

Yi Ping looked at her gently, “Yun, you can read my thoughts?”

Yunzi said quietly, “Are you thinking of entering that gate on your own? You want to test the boss behind this gate yourself? So that we won’t be endangered?”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King roared as he slammed his rod onto the ground, “I am a warrior. There are no enemies that I fear and I don’t fear death. If there is anything that I fear then it is running without a single fight!”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess laughed softly, “This isn’t the time for brainless bravery.”

She looked at Yi Ping, “And that goes for you too!”

Yi Ping shook his head as he looked solemnly at everyone, “I have to do it alone. Only I am able to face the monster beyond this gate.”

When he had said that, a thunderous rumble beyond the obsidian gate could be heard; judging from the earthshaking tremor that had just been felt, the monster beyond the gate had to be gigantic!

Yi Ping patted the Western Paradise Heavenly King as he said quietly to him, “Thank you for imparting the Golden Invincible Force to me. But

this battle is mine alone. If you really want to help me then be my guardian and prevent the others from after me, lest I will be distracted.”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was momentarily speechless and did not what to say!

Han Lin, Aiel, Yu’Er and Mei’Er had already scurried next to Yi Ping as they said almost at the same time, “It is too dangerous!”

Yu’Er bit her lips, “Master Yi Ping, your Yu’Er has never begged you for anything before, am I right? Either we battle together or we leave together!”

Mei’Er pursed her lips as she unsheathed her golden divine sword, “My sister is right!”

Yi Ping held her hand as he said gently to her, “I know, Yu’Er and I have always appreciated you for that. But now, I am afraid that only I have the strength to overcome the boss that is inside. If we all enter at the same time, the boss that is beyond the gate will be impossible to beat.”

Han Lin turned around to look at Xian’Er, Nuwa, Alice, Isa, Lingfeng and Asura, “Hey! Aren’t you going to stop him?”

Lingfeng replied, “Ping’Er is right. This is the only way.”

Alice nodded lightly, “Other than Yi Ping, only the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa are qualified to enter this gate.”

Xian’Er said gently, “Ping’Er, I am joining you. Say no more. You can be rest assured that I won’t be your hindrance.”

Nuwa smiled, “I have never tried to fight with just a single vital breath. This is a new and interesting challenging for me. I am joining in as well.”

Yi Ping turned ashen immediately, “I have the protection of the Golden Invincible Force. As long as I can maintain it, I can protect my vital breath but the rest of you can’t afford to take a single hit...”

Lie Qing said coolly, “Ping’Er, I know the weakness of your Golden Invincible Force. It requires a great deal of effort to muster and maintain



it. With just a single vital breath, even if you did not receive a single hit, how long can you maintain it before you use up all your vital breath?”

Yi Ping was solemn and was downcast. He was trembling. He was not a coward. In fact, he would not back off from a fight. There was nothing under the heavens and in the earth that could daunt him. The only thing that he feared the most was that he could not protect his love ones. He did not want to repeat the tragedies of the White Sage, the Dark Chaos Lord or even the Great God Pangu.

He knew that he was carrying a huge burden on his back.

So he said aloud, “I am going. If you really hope for my wellbeing then wish me the very best so that I can focus on the fight ahead! If I fail then I want everyone to leave this passage immediately. Lele will bring you to the 100th level...”

Xian’Er said gently, “Ping’Er, don’t forget me and Nuwa.”

She gave him a stern look before saying, “I have never asked you for anything until now. Bring us with you. I don’t want to stop you and I want to fight with you. I don’t intend to sacrifice myself either and I will persist to the last. Otherwise, I do not deserve to be called the Great Goddess Fantian. Only in adversity can our will be stronger.”

Yi Ping looked at her and was helpless. He knew that Xian’Er had already made up her mind so he said, “Xian’Er and Nuwa will join me.”

Nuwa clapped her hands and laughed, “Excellent!”

But Yi Ping quickly said to her, “Stay behind Xian’Er and I. We have our divine swords to protect ourselves but you...”

All of a sudden Nuwa snapped her fingers as she said coldly, “I know what I am doing. Once we pass that ugly dark gate, there is no retreat. It is either we win this battle or perish together. However, I cherish myself too much to die before any of you.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose to smile, “That is good. That is what I want.”

Lingfeng looked at Nuwa, “You really don’t look like someone that will

sacrifice yourself for someone else. Yet you are doing it now. What a cold appearance on the outside but a heart of gold inside!”

Nuwa smiled coldly, “Think what you like.”

The Jade Emperor heaved a soft sigh, “The three of you are Eight Positioning Immortals. If even you can’t overcome the hurdle in front of us, can we survive the 100th level floor? We might as well turn back now!”

The Universal Old Man murmured, “Our original goal in the Stellar Sanctuary is to seek the divine stages of immortal ranks. Now that we have already obtained it, we should turn back instead...”

But Yi Ping, Xian’Er and Nuwa were already in front of the gigantic obsidian gate!

Yunzi called out all of a sudden, “Ping’Er, wait!”

Yi Ping paused in his tracks and turned around, “Yes?”

Yunzi smiled as she said, “You just go in like this without a plan?”

Yi Ping, Xian’Er and Nuwa looked at each other...

Nuwa raised her eyelids, “We need a plan? Or rather, we can plan?”

Yi Ping asked, “Yun, you have a plan?”

Yunzi laughed softly, “If I don’t have a plan, will I ask you to wait?”

Yi Ping smiled, “Indeed not!”

Lingfeng, Yu’Er, Ye Yin, Xingyue, Mei’Er, Han Lin, Isa, Asura, Isa, Lie Qing, Lele, Youxue and all the others were startled as they crowded around Yunzi, “What is the plan? There is a plan?”

Yunzi smiled, “Once this obsidian gate is opened and we have entered it, there is no escape from its sealing formation but it doesn’t mean we cannot influence the outcome of the battle, am I right?”

Yi Ping furrowed, “We can influence the outcome of the battle?”

Yunzi smiled as she pointed at Lele, Lingfeng and Alice at once, “Naturally we can. You can let them stand on the edge of the obsidian

gate and let them be your guides!”

Alice was startled as she looked at Lingfeng and Lele who had immediately got what Yunzi was hinting!

Lele said excitedly, “That is right!”

Lingfeng chuckled softly, “I have almost forgotten that the six of us are linked with each other. I like this plan so let’s us proceed with it then!”

Lele nodded, “Then I will be the guide of Yi Ping!...”

Everyone immediately groaned; Lele was being too predictable!

Yunzi immediately smiled but she was soon solemn, “Lele is the Alma of the Great God Pangu. Naturally, it is best this way.”

Lingfeng smiled, “Then I shall be the guide for Sister Xian’Er.”

Alice nodded, “And I will be eyes and ears for the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa.”

Yi Ping nodded, “Then let this be the plan then!”

Yunzi nodded as she called out one last time, “Ping’Er, be careful!”

She was soon followed by Lie Qing, Youxue, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Ye Yin, Xingyue, the other maidens and his sworn brothers who were all urging the same!

The Celestial Liege said solemnly, “You rascal. You have better come back. We still have an unfinished duel with each other!”

Yi Ping beamed as he brandished his two divine swords, “I will...I will...”

# Chapter 225: The Monster Bestial Typhon

The gigantic black obsidian door was pushed opened by a gentle tap. Almost immediately a hot howling wind was felt rushing through!

Hundreds of sphere of hovering lights were lit from within immediately, revealing a monstrous dark shape immediately; it was a huge stooping dark giant measuring 10m, with eight bulky arms and a golden horn on its forehead!

It opened its jaws as it exhaled breath of dark diaspora. All of a sudden a hidden eye in its forehead blinked opened, causing an air of fear, desperation and nausea to sweep into the hearts of everyone that looked into it!

Nuwa gasped, as Alice behind her and this was followed by the other Heavenly Kings behind!

Even the battle hardened Western Paradise Heavenly King expressions were twitching; such was the effect of the terrifying presence of this monstrous giant!

The Goddess Aiel tumbled weakly into a startled Han Lin who quickly called out to her, "Mistress, are you alright?"

Aiel muttered weakly, "I...I am alright...I have never seen anything like this before..."

The Universal Old Man muttered, "What is that..."

He was trembling and so were the rest!

The Martial Sage panicked called out, "Xian'Er, be careful. There is still time to turn back..."

But Xian'Er turned around to give him a gentle smile, "My destiny is in my hands."

Nuwa inhaled hesitatingly, "This is a Typhon monster, one of the most powerful desolate monsters that exist since the beginning of time!"

Alice nodded warily, "It is extremely powerful and its strength is not

beneath a divine beast!"

Xian'Er said, "I am afraid, it is even more...stronger."

Yi Ping nodded, "That may be so but I am not afraid of it."

Nuwa and Xian'Er looked at Yi Ping with a smile as they said almost at the same time, "I think the same as you."

Nuwa said, "Do you know what I am thinking?"

Xian'Er nodded quietly but did not reply her; the two of them were willing to sacrifice themselves to pave the way for Yi Ping. It was because they believed that he was the inheritor of the mantle of the Great God Pangu.

Nuwa smiled at Xian'Er as she murmured, "Is that so? So you are thinking the same as I too."

Yi Ping asked gently, aware of what was exchanged between them as he was focused on the foe in front of him. "Are we ready?"

Xian'Er replied, "I am ready."

Nuwa giggled softly, "I am already ready. What takes you so long?"

At the same time Lingfeng, Alice and Lele had already formed a side by side line behind them as they chorused almost at once, "We are also ready!"

"Wait a minute!"

It was Mei'Er and she was accompanied by Ye Yin and Yu'Er!

Yi Ping was startled but he quickly smiled, "So it is my Mei'Er the Axis Heavens Goddess."

But he was soon solemn as he said sternly, "Mei'Er, go back!"

Lingfeng gave them a reproaching look, "Don't come near us or it will only distract us!"

Ye Yin laughed softly, "We are here to help. No one can sense the slightest movements as good as any of us. We will relay the information to you, just to be doubly sure."

Yu'Er smiled gently, "Eyes can be deceiving. You have to rely on us. Our Dual Inertness Intricacy senses the slightness exchange between the material and immaterial. Mistress, what do you think? We are able to help and we want to help."

Xian'Er appraised Yu'Er and Mei'Er for a while before she gave them a broad smile, "Indeed. Your divine state in the Dual Inertness Intricacy has surpassed new heights. I am afraid that I won't be able to handle the two of you as easily as before."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er broke into grins as they winked to the rest that were behind them. They were extremely delighted that their protégé mistress was praising them!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King began to mimic Yi Ping as he rubbed his nose, "How I wish that I am a protégé of the Great Goddess Fantian. These two little maidens are so interesting..."

The Formosa Heavenly King raised his eyebrows as he muttered, "I have never heard of you taking an interest in anyone. Moreover, you have only known them for such a brief time."

The Avant-garde Heavenly King gave a weak smile as he whispered to him, "You are talking too much!"

Yi Ping raised his voice, "Then it is settled. Let's go in now!"

Xian'Er and Nuwa nodded as the three of them stepped past the gigantic entrance at the same time!

A blinking golden light was seen briefly as they entered inside; this was an indication that they had entered a sealing celestial formation that was within!

As soon as they entered through the gate, the Typhon began to roar thunderously as it readied a charge!

Yi Ping took a quick look at his surroundings and with a single glance he had noted all the spaces of his possible maneuvers. This inner chamber was much large than it had looked from the outside.

Almost immediately, Alice whispered. "It is preparing to charge at you. Don't let it touch you or it will be terrible. Its charge can kill instantly. Also it is almost impervious to most attacks. You must find its weakness as fast as possible!"

Lele's startled voice could be heard, "Almost impervious to most attacks? Why didn't you say so earlier?"

Lingfeng's alluring soothing voice could be heard, "Lele, it is only to be anticipated. This is the same as our past battles. Don't distract them and focused on more what is at hand."

Yi Ping had mustered his Golden Invincible Force as nine wisps of faint golden lights began to hover rapidly around him, "I will distract it upfront..."

Xian'Er immediately said as she flashed right, "I will flank it to find its weakness."

At the same time, Nuwa smiled as she flashed to his left. "Good. Let see who will be the one that can find its weakness first!"

As the Typhon bellowed loudly, a ring of tremendous force exploded around it as pebbles flew at tremendous speed all around!

Yi Ping raised the Celestial Alice in front of him, willing the nine hovering golden wisps to in front as it seemingly formed the shape of a golden hexagon shield that deflected the speeding pebbles!

Xian'Er nimbly evaded all the pebbles, deflecting all the speeding pebbles with her sword. She had only a single vital breath and she was not going to execute her Divine Emerald Force against such puny attacks!

Nuwa deflected the speeding pebbles with her sleeves as she murmured, "It is going to charge at you now, Yi Ping!"

Indeed the Typhon was upon Yi Ping in an instant!

Yi Ping slashed furiously at the Typhon but all his attacks deflected off its hide, imploding into brilliant sparks. He was not surprised but he was nevertheless startled. It was because that was already all the martial

strength that he could muster!

Lele shouted panicky in his ears, "Ping'Er! Watch out for its arms! Disengage immediately!"

Yi Ping quickly swung his swords around, just in time to avoid eight simultaneous pounding fists around him that imploded into pillars of explosive forces all around him!

Xian'Er gasped as she flew into the back of the Typhoon as she slashed furiously but in vain!

Lingfeng shouted panicky, "Sister Xian'Er, it is aiming at you!"

Almost immediately the Typhon had turned slightly around as it punched its muscular fist at Xian'Er, who flipped dexterously around its gigantic arm, even as a tremendous force exploded all around!

It was akin to a gigantic version of the Ultrapowerful Force as the air exploded thunderously!

Yi Ping raised his swords over him to shelter against the tremendous windforces that were imploding around him he continued to zigzag around the Typhon, even as he gasped. "Xian'Er!"

But Xian'Er tiptoed onto the arm, then the shoulder, followed by the head of the Typhon as she evaded the furious explosions all around her. "Ping'Er, I am alright. Watch out too!"

Nuwa raised her palm to strike against the Typhon but her attacks were like a soft stick against a hard rock!

Alice whispered to her, "It's no good. Even the sanctorum strengths of the divine swords are futile against it, much less your palm attacks..."

Nuwa whispered back, "I know, I know. But I don't have any divine swords..."

All of a sudden a golden beaming light flashed past and struck the body of the Typhon next to her!

It was Youxue who had thrown her divine sword!



Alice whispered to her, “We know. Your Alma wants me to say to you; you can borrow her Divine Nine Cauldron for the time being!”

Nuwa immediately picked the divine sword as she puffed out, “Why, thank you! Much appreciated!”

Immediately, she had unleashed nine golden bursts of stellar light on the Typhon, as half the body of the Typhon imploded into a thunderous burst of explosion, causing it to shriek in deafening pain that sent multiple waves of shockwaves all around!

She gasped out as she almost exhausted her last vital breath, “Yi Ping! It is up to you now!”

All the onlookers were stunned and overwhelmed by the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa sudden show of strength as they all secretly thought, “So that is the difference between an Eighth Positioning Immortal and us. So that is really her true strength! She has only one vital breath of strength and she is able to unleash such power?!”

Perhaps the most startled were the Heavenly Kings, their jaws almost dropped as they stared in disbelief when the huge body of the Typhon had received such an astounding amount of impact!

Even though the Typhon was still largely unscathed and unaffected but all the Heavenly Kings that had previously fought against her, thought panicky. “The difference between an Eighth Positioning Immortal versus a Seventh, Sixth Positioning Immortal did not seem that great when we fought her. If she had leashed this power in the Pangu Monument, then won’t we already be a goner already?”

Yi Ping was also startled at the power display of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa but he had quickly regained his composure. He had remembered how she was able to slay a Heavenly King outright when she had the chance. He sighed softly, “We have never stood a chance against her in the first place...luckily she is on the same side as us.”

Actually the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was also secretly startled. She had never expected that she would be able to unleash the sanctorum power of the Divine Nine Cauldron Sword!

She was able to feel the soothing strength of the Divine Nine Cauldron Sword as it coursed through her. She took a glance at Youxue who nodded at her. She thought, “She is the mistress of the Divine Nine Cauldron but she is willing to lend me the ownership of her divine sword...”

The Typhon was completely enraged as stood upright as it punched its way all around. All of a sudden, its golden horn began to glitter as sparks of purple lightning began to form around it, generating intense pressures that grind pebbles to powder to dust immediately!

Purple lightning!

That was the strength of the most powerful of the Lightning Calamity and this monster was able to unleash it!

With just a single vital breath or less, none of them would be able to survive the full strength of the Purple Lightning Calamity!

Alice gasped, “The Purple Lightning Calamity! Avoid it all costs! Everyone, brace for the worst!”

Lingfeng voice turned weak, “At this distance, even we will be hit by the Purple Lightning Calamity. This piece of cheating monster...”

The Jade Emperor shouted, “Everyone back! Run as fast as possible! I will fight the Purple Lightning Calamity!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King slammed his golden rod as he summoned nine hovering blue discs. His expression was solemn as he said, “I will not flee.”

Lie Qing smiled as she brandished her divine sword as she summoned seven hovering blue discs, “I will not flee too.”

It was obvious to everyone that Lie Qing had insufficient strength to summon the full strength of her Invincible Divine Force!

Xingyue flashed in front of her as she said gently, “Heh. Don’t forget about me. I have always wanted to test my Divine Rejuvenation Force against the most powerful of the Lightning Calamity. The rest of you have better fled. There is no space for weaklings here!”

The Goddess Isa and the Goddess Asura broke into smiles as they said together, "Who is the weakling here?"

The Goddess Isa shrugged her shoulder as she smiled, "My Divine Constellation Sword is of the lightning element. I am not so worried..."

Asura said quietly to her, "If you are planning to draw all the lightning to yourself then you will surely incinerate to nothingness. I can't allow that."

Isa smiled, "Isn't that good? One less rival for you."

Asura fingered her divine staff, "One less good rival. It is really bad for my future attainment. Why should I let you achieve nirvana and be remembered by the Great God Pangu forever? I can't allow that!"

Isa brushed her golden streaks of braided hair, "That will depend if you are able to be faster than me or...Alice."

Asura laughed softly, "We are all at the Seventh Positioning and are equally headstrong. Good!"

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang laughed softly as she raised her Heavens Sundering Mirror, "Don't forget about me. How I hate the two of you, leaving me out just like this as though I am a lowly immortal, Hmph!"

Yunzi and Youxue smiled at the same time, "Don't forget about us as well!"

The Universal Old Man, the Martial Sage, Skylord Jun and the rest were stunned that none of the maidens seemed to be willing to flee while there was still time...

The Lord Supreme was shouting panicky, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er! Ye Yin!"

But Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Ye Yin were fully immersed in coordinating with Alice, Lingfeng and Lele as their voices could be heard, "Yi Ping, to the left two steps! Sister Xian'Er, an attack from behind! Nuwa, an attack is coming from your left in 2s, another attack is coming in 4s from your left..."

The energy sense of Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Ye Yin were simply astonishing.

It was obvious that they had awakened their seventh senses!

Alice, Lingfeng and Lele were so trustful of their warnings that they were simply repeating after them!

All of a sudden Ye Yin cried out, "Correction, ask Yi Ping to back off immediately...Sister Xian'Er, what are you doing?..."

Everyone was startled by the sight of Xian'Er flying straight in front of the electrifying field of the Typhon's golden horn as she evaded several attacks with astonishing speed!

And so was Yi Ping!

They had a startled expression when they caught sight of each other appearing at the same location!

Suddenly Xian'Er had raised her Icy Heavenly Tears to strike against the golden horn as she unleashed the Absolute Defense Stance of the Divine Emerald Force, as electrifying shockwaves ignited into several thunderous explosions!

At the same time, Yi Ping had slammed his two divine swords straight into the golden horn of the Typhon!

Yi Ping acted purely on instinct, guided by his natural battle sense. He knew that while the golden horn was the strongest armor of the Typhon but somehow when he saw the purple lightning that was generating, he instinctively felt that maybe that could also be the best timing to strike...

The electrifying and explosive shockwaves were so powerful that anyone that had less than the Seventh Immortal Positioning was knocked down to their feet and it was like the entire ground was moving up and down!

But the unbelievable thing had actually happened!

The Celestial Fairy alias the Great Goddess Fantian and Yi Ping had stopped the Purple Lightning Calamity right in its track and had blown up the golden horn of the Typhon!

Like a fallen angel, an unconscious Xian'Er dropped from above!

Yi Ping quickly caught hold of her in mid-air as he kissed her as he transferred his vital breath to her!

He willed panicky to her, "Xian'Er, Xian'Er! Our destiny has not ended yet!"

As he landed panicky, he had completely forgotten about the Typhon that was behind him!

Everyone was gasping!

Alice had turned ashen immediately as she charged through the gate, "I am not going to be here anymore!"

She was followed by Lingfeng, Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Ye Yin, Xingyue, Youxue, Yunzi, Isa, Asura and Xiang!

Even Aiel and Han Lin had rushed through the gate!

At this moment, none of them cared for their own personal well-being anymore!

It was because they knew that Yi Ping had almost exhausted his vital breath and he could no longer fight!

If he was not around anymore, then these maidens would rather perish together with him!

But luckily, the Typhon behind him had suddenly turned to stone!

Nuwa crumbled wobbly next to Yi Ping, "We have won! How is the Lady Fantian?"

She appeared to be shocked when she saw that Yi Ping was kissing Xian'Er, "What are you doing?"

Xian'Er opened her eyelids slightly; she had found herself in Yi Ping's arms and they were kissing. She began to flush shyly as she gasped, "Ping'Er..."

Yi Ping was delighted, "Xian'Er, you are alright..."

All the maidens looked at each other mischievously as they chorused together, "What else? They are kissing!"

Yi Ping and Xian'Er turned their heads aside immediately at the same time but they knocked clumsily at each other, causing them to flush even hotter!

Nuwa muttered as she placed her fingers on her lips, "This is...kissing? Interesting..."

All a sudden the stoned Typhon behind them crumbled into dust as a brilliant feather floated above them, together with several beaming objects!

But the object of attention was actually the feather for that was the Feather Sword Shard!

One by one, the maidens were staring at it as the same question floated silently, "This Feather Sword Shard, who will Yi Ping give to?"

# Chapter 226: Floor 93rd

Beside the Feather Sword Shard that had dropped into Yi Ping's hands, there were also a red fiery pill, two Heavenly Relics, a Sanctorum Relic and a luminous pearl.

The Sanctorum Relic was the most precious of all the heavenly metals and its appearance could even spark a war in the immortal war but right now, everyone's attention was upon the Feather Sword Shard!

Even the Great Khan Heavenly King murmured, "He risks his life for this? Why is everyone looking at this Feather Sword Shard with such an interest?"

He had secretly thought, "Is it even rarer than even the Sanctorum Relic?"

Yi Ping was fingering the Feather Sword Shard as he looked quietly at it...

All the maidens were now looking at him...

But Yi Ping pointed to the shimmering blue portal that had just appeared, "We should leave this hostile place first..."

With that he made a move to the portal.

Xian'Er said, "Let's go."

Nuwa looked at everyone with a cold gaze, "What are you all waiting for? Do you want to wait for the celestial formation to reactivate? I repeat. I am not going to wait for anyone of you."

With that, she hurried behind Yi Ping.

The Jade Emperor said aloud, "What are we all waiting for? Let's go!"

With that, everyone hurried into the shimmering blue portal!

When they had emerged from the shimmering blue portal, they found themselves in a huge hallway and there was a stele monument.

Alice immediately pointed out, "We are now on the 93rd floor. What an

achievement!”

Aiel gasped weakly, “It is so good to breathe again!”

Han Lin smiled weakly, “I should be the one saying that. Mistress, you are an Immortal. Why are you so weak? Or are you trying to get Yi Ping attention?”

Aiel began to fluster, “Says who?!”

Yi Ping breathe in heavily, “Let’s us recuperate first.”

Everyone nodded as they quickly began to seat themselves into meditation positions.

After a while, they had recovered from their strength and once again, they were all looking at Yi Ping again!

Xian’Er knew that Yi Ping had to give everyone an accounting inevitably and that he had already taken the time to ponder, so she smiled gently to Yi Ping. “Ping’Er, who will you give the third Feather Sword Shard to?”

Everyone was actually waiting for this moment and they were all stirring from their positions!

The Universal Old Man murmured, “I wonder who will be the lucky maiden...”

Lingfeng raised her eyes to stare coldly at him, “It is wiser for you to shut up at this very moment or your little life will be extremely miserable from this point onward.”

The Universal Old Man smiled weakly for he had suddenly noticed that all many of the maidens, including Aiel were all looking at him with wrathful stares!

Mei’Er was trembling lightly as she lowered her gaze, “It is not funny. I...we...”

Nuwa yawned softly, “So who will this lucky maiden be?”

She looked a little conceited but she had every right to be; she had already obtained one of the three Feather Sword Shards and was now the



true consort to the Great God Pangu!

While Alice, Lingfeng and Lele did not obtain the Feather Sword Shard but as they were all linked with Yi Ping, it did not really bother them but they were as eager to know who would be the sixth maiden that would be bonded to Yi Ping!

Lele silently prayed, "I wish it will be Sister Lie Qing then it would be perfect!"

The Lord Supreme murmured, "This won't be an easy choice at all."

The Immortal Saint of Swords nodded, "I am afraid that the disappointment will be much greater than anything else."

Skylord Jun folded his arms, "What is love if it pains to be, is it worth it?"

Yi Ping was now looking at all these maidens that had braved untold dangers and trials with him. He sighed softly as he muttered, "This day has finally come..."

Xian'Er comforted him with a whisper, "Since it is the inevitable, does it matter if you have to decide now or later?"

Yunzi smiled weakly, "That is right. No matter what, we are all prepared to accept your decisions."

Her voice was weak and even her tone was melancholy. It was obvious to everyone that Yunzi was only putting on a brave front. But that was the same for all the maidens involved!

Lie Qing heaved a soft sigh, "I...I am prepared..."

Xingyue lowered her eyes, "Ping'Er, it doesn't need to be fair. Just follow your heart. I will not blame you."

The Ascension Goddess Ye Yin said melancholy, "Go on and make your decision..."

Yi Ping was now looking at Xiao Youxue. Among the maidens here, she was the first maiden that he had met on the Heavens Mountains and she had left a lasting impression on him with her extraordinary martial feat.

Not only that, she had also saved his life on numerous occasions. It seemed that they already had an affinity in their previous life. In her previous life, she was the Endor Vixen Fairy and they had belonged to the same celestial sect, the Celestial Great Quiescent Sect.

Youxue lowered her mesmerizing eyes, "Hmph! Yi Ping, don't worry..."

Yi Ping was now looking at Yu'Er and Mei'Er. He remembered how he had first met them and how he had to flee the Eternal Ice Palace in shame when he thought that he had violated them when he was drunk. It was only later that he had realized that it was a ruse to retain him in the Eternal Ice Palace. The two twin sisters had always aided him unconditionally and had protected the group faithfully.

In their previous life, they were the Axis and the Eclipse Heaven Goddesses. They were from the Ascension Sect and were the Supreme Celestials. Because of their previous ten thousand years of attainment and with the aid of their newly acquired divine swords, they were able to remember their past life memories.

Yu'Er said quietly, "Master Yi Ping, we are two sisters and there is only one Feather Sword Shard. I know that you won't choose any of us. But I don't mind at all."

Mei'Er nodded as she looked at Yi Ping with beaming eyes, "It is the same as before when we have known the White Sage. But no matter what, we are your wives. Just remember your vows for us."

Yi Ping murmured, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er..."

He sighed softly as he looked at Yunzi next.

He had remembered that at first he did not have a good impression of her. It was because he had misunderstood her as the killer of his wife, Xian'Er. Yunzi had helped him and the group on too many occasions. She was so indispensable that they would have lost many of their battles without her unwavering will and tactical support.

For Xingyue sake and to break the animosity of the Infinity Sword Celestial Clan, Yunzi agreed to leave Yi Ping's group to join the Infinity

Sword Celestial Clan.

In her previous life, she was the Celestial Ocean Heavenly Maiden and also his protégé mistress in the Celestial Great Quiescent Sect.

Yi Ping thought, “Yunzi, I will never forget what you have done for me...”

Next he found himself looking at Lie Qing but he quickly averted his glance as he could not bear to look into her eyes directly. Even then, he could still feel the heartbreaking look that Lie Qing had cast upon him...

It was not because he could not resist the charms of the Heavenly Temptress but Lie Qing had on many occasions expressed her heartrending sentiments to him. How could he be so blind as not to know her heart for him? He was pretending not to know and had buried her sentiments for him deep in the recess of his heart...

He still remembered the time that Lie Qing had shown up just in the nick of time when he had fought with the Celestial Liege. She was just like beautiful angel that had flown down to bring hope to him. And how pained he was when he had thought that he had almost lost her forever...

He muttered only to himself, “Qing’Er, till the oceans dry up and the rocks crumble to dust, till time cease to exist...”

As he muttered her haunting words, he began to tremble lightly and even more when he noticed that Lie Qing had folded her trembling fingers...

Next he looked at Shen Xingyue and he was trembling harder. It was as though his heart had been torn asunder!

Xingyue had turned around and was unwilling to look at him directly!

Yi Ping stared blankly at her. Their entangling romances had spanned a thousand years. In his previous life, she was his fiancée. His memories of her were etched deeply in him because the ‘White Sage’ had never forgiven himself for abandoning her and he had been searching for her ever since he had realized who she was...

Even when he had reincarnated, he had immediately recognized her at

their first meeting and that revelation shook him to his very core!

Xingyue muttered melancholy, “I am already content to be your wife in this lifetime. What more do I desire? As long as you are safe and happy, I am equally happy. There is nothing more blissful than this, don’t you think so? It is my one and only wish.”

Yi Ping murmured, “Xingyue...”

He turned away to look at Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess who was looking at him with woeful eyes...

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess was the second maiden that he had met in the Celestial Realm, the first being the Stellar Heaven Fairy Shishi. At first, he had viewed her as a despicable opponent had no grudge with killing anyone.

He had never expected her to be such an affectionate maiden in heart and she had almost thrown her life away when she had engaged the Immortal Sword Aegis Sage for their group. Even today, he could remember the outpour of the terrifying sword energies that shot from the floor and from above that almost took away her life. That was the Inverting Eternal Occurrence, the most powerful sword technique of the Infinity Sword Celestial Clan.

He clenched his fists tightly as he murmured, “Ye Yin...”

With a heavy heart, he turned to look at Isa, Aiel, Han Lin, Asura and Gusu Xiang...

Then he had thought of Yang Min and Shishi. These are the maidens that he had met in the Celestial Realm...

Aiel bit her lips, “I know that you won’t choose me but I still have a little hope...”

Han Lin sighed softly, “Mistress, it is better for you not to harbor any hope at all.”

She was holding back her tears because she knew that there was not a chance that Yi Ping would pick her. She began to look despondent and

had lowered her head in dejection!

The Goddess Isa lowered her eyes as she trembled lightly, "I am content as it is now."

Both the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy lowered their heads, not daring to say anything.

Yi Ping sighed softly. He took a deep breath as he muttered silently, "Xian'Er, what should I do?"

Even though he was asking only Xian'Er but because he was whispering through the dual celestial channel, Alice, Nuwa, Lele and Lingfeng were able to hear him as well.

Xian'Er replied silently, "Ping'Er, surely you already know the answer in your heart. Do you have to ask me?"

Lele whispered, "You have to choose Sister Lie Qing! She is so pitiful!"

Lingfeng said, "Lele, let Yi Ping makes his own decision. It is pointless for you to interfere like this."

Nuwa whispered, "Well, I choose Youxue if I were you. She is the perfect choice."

Alice said matter of fact, "Does it matter who Yi Ping choose? If it is his destiny to choose then it is his will and his holistic destiny. Whoever he chooses, we should give him his blessing."

Yi Ping asked, "Xian'Er, I really want to hear what you think."

Xian'Er was silent for a while before she asked, "Who are they? Who are the ones that you can't decide?"

Yi Ping whispered with a soft sigh, "Qing'Er, Xingyue, Yunzi, Youxue and Ye Yin..."

But he quickly said, "Between Qing'Er and Xingyue, I have a hard time deciding. Xian'Er, can you give me your thoughts? If you were me, who will you choose?"

Xian'Er was silent for a while before she said quietly, "I will surely

choose Lie Qing or else I won't instruct the Western Paradise Heavenly King to impart to you the Invincible Divine Force. Isn't that a good hint of my inclination? But it is for you to decide. You are the master of your destiny."

Yi Ping stole a glance at Xian'Er before he turned to look at Lie Qing and Xingyue. Finally he lifted up the Feather Sword Shard and said firmly, "Qing'Er, this is for you."

At this announcement, Lele quickly gave Lie Qing a warm embrace!

Lie Qing was startled as she lifted her head to stare at Yi Ping. She fluttered her eyelids in disbelief, "It is for me, really?"

Xingyue turned around as she managed a weak smile, "Why, if you do not want to take it then I am taking it!"

Lie Qing trembled lightly as she looked at the rest of the maidens, "Who says I am not taking it? I didn't win this fair and square. Yi Ping must be so dense to believe an actress like me..."

She had chosen to blacken her name but none of the maidens were smiling or condemning her. It was because they all knew how important she was in Yi Ping's heart or else he would not have chosen her to inherit the third Feather Sword Shard.

Shen Xingyue looked at Yi Ping as she thought melancholy, "I remember the first time that I have met the White Sage, he had told me that his Divine Calamity was a vision of seven maidens. I guess that Lie Qing is the sixth. I hope that I am your seventh..."

Yunzi smiled as she took Lie Qing by her hand, "So our Heavenly Temptress has finally found her happiness!"

Lie Qing smiled, "I hope so. If he doesn't perform to my expectations, I will surely divorce him!"

Xian'Er said, "Qing'Er, clench your hands around the sharp edge of the Feather Sword Shard and let your blood drip down its tips."

Lie Qing was startled, "Must I?"

Xian'Er smiled gently, "This is the only way to Dual Celestial with Yi Ping."

Lie Qing gasped softly as she quickly proceeded to do exactly as Xian'Er had instructed and no longer had her blood dripped down the tip of the Feather Sword Shard, the Feather Sword Shard began to dissipate and she was greeted in her ears by Xian'Er, "We are whispering to you through the Dual Celestial Whispering. All you need to do is to whisper with your internal energy and those who are dual celestial with Yi Ping will be able to hear you as well."

Lele added excitedly, "It is the same as the secret whispering skill but it can't be overheard by the others, not even by those that have a higher divinity than us."

Alice said, "We don't have to explain the technicalities to her. She will surely be able to understand."

Lingfeng alluring voice could be heard, "Sister Qing'Er, welcome!"

Nuwa could be heard yawning, "Welcome, welcome!"

It took Lie Qing a while to muster her voice, "Hello..."

Yi Ping whispered, "Qing'Er, we are all linked now. Let me say something to the rest first and I will come back to you."

He heaved a soft sigh before he said aloud to everyone, "This is a most difficult decision for me to make. Even though I have given the Feather Sword Shard to Qing'Er, this doesn't mean that my feelings for everyone else are placed at second place. I hope that everyone would be able to understand it."

Shen Xingyue smiled, "We understand perfectly."

Lie Qing was startled to find a surge of emotions that she had never experienced before to overwhelm her when Yi Ping had suddenly spoken.

When Xian'Er saw the startled expressions on Lie Qing, she whispered to her. "What Yi Ping or anyone else experience, you will also be able to experience now. It has both bad and good. That is also the reason why Yi

Ping has chosen you at long last. The rest of the maidens are too emotional and it will only affect their divine advancement.”

Lie Qing sighed softly as she stole a glance at Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yu’Er and Mei’Er; they may appeared to be aloof but the two of them were actually the most sentimental in their group. She thought, “They have no idea how alike they are. In their progression as Supreme Celestials, have they been too lonely?”

The Supreme Celestials of the Ascension Sect trained in isolation with only their divine swords and they had to endure the extreme loneliness that most Celestials could not endure. Not only that, they were also faced with a bleak uncertain future; their ascension to the Celestial Realm depended on their unison with their divine swords. While it was easy to bond with their divine swords but achieving true unison was difficult especially in the face of the divine calamities.

Yi Ping looked up to the starry dim heavens as he muttered, “It is hard to believe that the night skies here will be this beautiful and even harder to believe that we are still in the Stellar Sanctuary...”

All of a sudden he stood rigid as he raised his voice to sunder the valley, “But I swear this, as long as I have a single breath in me, I will not forsake our pledges and we will be together till the earth ends!”

He softened his voice as he looked at the maidens, “I am sorry. I am not good with words...”

Yu’Er was beaming with tears as she sniffed, “No, you are good. This is good enough. I am content now. We will always be together...”

Mei’Er was also in tears as she muttered, “We will be together till the earth ends...”

Ye Yin, Xingyue, Youxue and Yunzi were all nodding and their eyes could not hide their joyous expressions!

Aiel murmured softly, “Will you take me as your consort?”

Yi Ping smiled, “Didn’t you say that there are eighteen predestined maidens that the Great God Pangu would have to be his soulmates and



future consorts? If that is the case, aren't you already one?"

Aiel was startled by the reply as she blinked her eyes rapidly, "I am one of the eighteen predestined maidens? Really..."

She quickly got over her shock and pulled Han Lin's sleeves, "Han Lin! Did you hear that? I am...one of the eighteen maidens that are being prophesied to be with the Great God Pangu!"

Han Lin yelled softly, "Mistress, not so hard. You are pulling my robe off! That is enough already. I didn't want to pour cold water over you but didn't the prophecy say that all the eighteen maidens will be destined by Heavens to aid him but their divine tribulations will equally be punishing."

She paused briefly as she put on a weak smile, "But I don't see you giving any helpful aid to Yi Ping..."

Aiel quickly answered softly, almost to a purr. "Well, I can cook and I can help him to wash his clothes..."

Han Lin sighed softly, "I don't see your divine tribulations as punishing..."

Aiel raised her voice, "Who says my divine tribulations are not punishing? I was stripped of my immortal divinity and was banished to the the lower realms for centuries!..."

All of a sudden she had noticed that Yi Ping and everyone were looking at her. Realizing that that she had lost her elegant demeanor and that the Goddess Celestial Alice was giving her a stern look, she quickly said. "Anyway that is not the point. The point is that Yi Ping has already chosen me. Even if he is not the Great God Pangu, it still doesn't matter. He can have eighteen, twenty-four or anyone he likes but I am still the chosen!"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Aiel, Han Lin is only teasing you. You have already helped us a lot. All of these are in my heart."

When Aiel heard that, she was literally fluttering as she murmured shyly. "Oh really..."

Han Lin laughed softly as she winked at Yi Ping, “My mistress is so easy to be handled.”

Yi Ping nodded at Han Lin but he quickly asked, “Han Lin, what about you then?”

Han Lin was startled as she stammered, “What do you mean?”

Mei’Er laughed as she cuddled Han Lin, “You are playing dumb, ain’t you? He is asking you if you want to be his consort!”

Han Lin could not believe what she was hearing as she stammered, “Really?”

Yi Ping gave her a broad smile, “If Han Lin does not want to, I will not impose upon you.”

Han Lin stammered as she raised her fingers to count, “I can be one of the eighteen? One, two, three...Aiel, Yu’Er, Mei’Er, that is three...”

Aiel laughed softly, “Han Lin, do you need to count at a time like this?”

Even Yi Ping was amused as he scratched the side of his nose, “Han Lin?”

Han Lin was looking left and right at her fingers, “Eleven, Twelve...grrr, where am I? Wait, wait! Wait please...”

She was exasperated as she counted panicky but the faster she count, she lost the count. “Where am I? Did I count the Goddess Isa and the Goddess of Mercy already?”

The Goddess Isa lifted her eyes as she stared at Han Lin, “She is completely hopeless.”

The Goddess of Mercy shook her head, “I hate to agree with you but you are right on this.”

The Goddess Asura laughed gently, “I think that she is just being shy.”

Just as Yi Ping turned to them and was about to say something, Han Lin called out panicky to him. “I...I don’t mind! But you must treat me good then!”

Aiel said exasperatedly, "You sly demoness!"

But Han Lin had already turned away shyly!

Yi Ping looked gently at the Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, "Isa, Xiang'Er, Asura...shall we undertake this journey together?"

Asura smiled shyly as she touched her belly gently without elaborating, "I am already yours. Moreover..."

The Goddess of Mercy smiled shyly, "I hope that you have not forgotten that I am one of the three that have first bowed to you as the Great God Pangu. Even if you want to cast me off, it will be difficult for I will follow you to the ends of the heavens."

The Goddess Isa looked down as her eyes softened, "Same here. But whether you are the Dark Chaos Lord or the Great God Pangu, it doesn't matter to me. You are Yi Ping. You are what it matters. I can't believe that we are now on the 93rd floor now and so much had happened during these few months. I really wish that we are not in the Stellar Sanctuary now and have the time for casual chat. I wonder what will happen once we have reached the 100th floor? Will you still be in the Three Known Realms or will you go to Beyond?"

Yi Ping muttered, "Isa..."

But he quickly smiled to her as he said, "Isa, this is the Sanctorum Relic. I know that you have always coveted this for your Divine Constellation Sword."

Isa forced a smile, "Thank you..."

Yi Ping walked to the Immortal Saint of Swords and the Jade Emperor, "These two Heavenly Relics are of the finest quality and have a high rate of being refined into divine swords."

The Immortal Saint of Swords laughed, "Good. I will cultivate upon it and refine it into the finest divine sword of the Celestial Realm!"

The Jade Emperor roared into laughter as he stroked his long silver

beard, “You little rascal. You have stolen so many of my Heavenly Relics and you have only given me one back.”

Yi Ping smiled as he replied wryly, “Those Heavenly Relics that I have stolen cannot be equaled to this Heavenly Relic that I am giving back to you.”

The Jade Emperor laughed jovially, “True, true! Those are broken Heavenly Relics that can’t be forged into divine swords so naturally it can’t compared to this Heavenly Relic!”

Yi Ping said, “As for this red fiery pill and this luminous pearl...”

The Great Khan Heavenly King interrupted coldly, “Are you going to give it to only your friends? Do you think that this distribution is fair?”

Nuwa immediately shot the Great Khan Heavenly King an angry stare and was about to storm at him when Xian’Er restrained her.

She immediately said, “Weird, I don’t remember you have done anything to deserve this loot. If you wanna to have your share, why don’t you beg me first?”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was also looking at the Great Khan Heavenly King, “You have better watched your mouth. Trust me, you don’t want to mess with that lady.”

The Great Khan Heavenly King immediately shut up but it was obvious he was resentful.

Yi Ping paid no heed to him as he said calmly, “I have no idea what these two items are, honestly.”

Alice smiled, “I have never seen anything like this in the Immortal Realm too.”

The Jade Emperor was also looking curiously at the two items, “I have no idea either but the spiritual animus that are on these two items are really extraordinary.”

Nuwa had also taken an interest as she said, “This fiery pill is of the pureness fire essence. It can only be found in the most fiery places.

However to find it and to be able to reach it is another matter. We call this the Fire Sanctorum Pill. As for this luminous pearl, it can only be found in the deepest depth of the oceans and we call it the Immortal Quintessence Pearl. I am so surprised that we can actually find them here.”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “You know their uses?”

Nuwa smiled, “Maybe the Great Goddess Fantian has forgotten about it. These two items are two of the rarest items that are known to the Desolate Immortals before the Ancient Realm split into three and can only be found in the most extreme places of the plane.”

Youxue smiled, “Then these two items must be extremely precious treasures that are even rarer than the Sanctorum Relic!”

Nuwa smiled, “Even ten Sanctorum Relics cannot be compared to one of them!”

Just as Yi Ping was about to probe further, there was a thunderous clap above them as the entire skies turned to purple!

Almost immediately, powerful howling winds had appeared and the entire heavens exploded into violent thunderclaps as multiple purple lightning shook the heavens and the earth!

Ye Yin lifted her white gold robe as she cried out panicky, “This storm just comes suddenly. I didn’t even sense its approach!”

The Jade Emperor had turned ashen as he said, “It is not an ordinary storm. It is the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was in disbelief as well, “It can’t be happening because the Stellar Sanctuary is a sanctuary from the Divine Calamities!”

Alice pointed to the mountains that were cracking and the surrounding terrains that were in upheavals, “It is already happening. We must flee from it or we won’t be able to survive it!”

Even though the howling winds were eerie and shrieking in everyone’s

ears but they could hear her warning for Alice's internal strength was astonishing.

The Universal Old Man tried to say something but his voice was completely muted by the howling voice!

Xian'Er said aloud, "No good. The winds and thunders completely nullified everything. We can't even use our Dual Celestial Whispering Skill..."

Yi Ping was shouting to everyone as he pointed to a cave in the mountains, "Everyone, rush into that cave over there!"

Immediately, almost everyone started to run for the cave.

Xian'Er turned to look at Yi Ping, "Ping'Er, you are not moving? Are you thinking of..."

Yi Ping inhaled deeply as he clasped the hint of his divine swords, "You should know. I can't hide from it. This Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity is here for me..."

He tapped his forehead gently and three white shards were now visible, replacing his previous Heaven Eyes' sigil.

Xian'Er and Nuwa kept quiet for they already knew the cause...

Alice was trembling, "This is the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity of the Ninth Heaven Positioning. When the three Feather Sword Shards are whole again, so this is what will happen..."

The Jade Emperor and the rest of the Heavenly Kings were staring at Yi Ping and what were to come in disbelief. If Yi Ping could succeed in overcoming this Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity then he would be able to attain the Ninth Immortal Positioning and would be the most powerful immortal in the entire Three Known Realms!

# Chapter 227: The Heaven Sundering

## Divine Calamity

Multiple purple lightning crackled thunderously above the dark skies as the mountains itself were shaking violently!

Only Yi Ping was left standing in the midst of the howling winds and the relentless tremors. It was because he had said to the group, "Go and seek refuge in the cave over there. This is my battle only. If you wish me well then don't come anywhere near me!"

At the edge of the cave, the Goddess Isa pursed her lips as she clenched the sides of the Dragon Silver Robe, "Yi Ping, why didn't you want to take my robe..."

Yunzi sighed softly, "I don't think it may do any good for him and may even be a hindrance for him."

Yi Si muttered, "Father..."

Xian'Er, Nuwa, Ye Yin, Lie Qing, Lele, Yu'Er, Mei'Er and all the maidens that love him were now praying anxiously for him!

Xian'Er was trembling as she murmured silently, "Ping'Er, you must be strong. If something happens to you, I really don't know what to do next..."

Suddenly Yi Ping had raised his thumb to her as he nodded at the same time. It was as though that he could hear her silent words amidst the maddening howling winds.

Reluctantly, Xian'Er nodded as a tear dropped onto the ground. She gasped silently, "I am crying? My years of emotionless meditation have actually comes to naught..."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er looked at each other as they lowered their heads, unable to bear witness to the sorrow that they were sensing from her heart...

The Jade Emperor and the other Heaven Kings on the other hand were

all watching nervously but for entire different reasons. They were now witnessing a super divine calamity known as the Heaven Sundering Divinity Calamity and this would gain them valuable insight for their own progression!

Nuwa sighed softly, “We can only watch this now. Not that we are able to help him but if we were to assist him, then this will only increase the wrath of the Divine Calamity and will only be detriment to him. He can only undertake this alone.”

Lele had turned completely ashen and she was deadly solemn. Because she was Yi Ping’s Alma, she could feel the terrifying wrath of the Heavens and the fear that was in Yi Ping’s heart.

She asked quietly, “I have an ominous feeling. What is it that is to come...”

Nuwa replied quietly, “There are three calamities that are to come, one more dangerous after the other. The first one that is to come is the Purple Lightning Calamity. The second forthcoming will be the Golden Lightning Calamity. Yi Ping will be able to pass the Purple Lightning Calamity with his present strength but for the second one, this will depend on his luck.”

Lingfeng was startled as she asked with trembling voice, “Luck? What do you mean? What is this Golden Lightning Calamity?”

Nuwa answered melancholy, “The Golden Lightning Calamity is the most powerful of the lightning calamity that can consume even a Ninth Positioning Immortal. We call it the Three Asunder Lightning. So what do you think?”

Lingfeng was startled, so were everyone that had overheard it!

She stumbled for words, “But Yi Ping is only at the Eighth Immortal Positioning! This is the impossible!”

Alice murmured softly, “There is a huge gap between the Eighth and the Ninth Immortal Positioning. Right now, Yi Ping is going against the natural laws of the Heavens as he attempts to overcome his own



limitations. If he can succeed then he would be able to attain to the Ninth Immortal Positioning. Naturally, this is not going to be any easier. We can only let Heavens decide his fate.”

Youxue stared coldly at Alice, “You sound like he is an outsider. Or is it because you have chosen to spirit link to him because you think that he is the future Great God Pangu? If he perishes, then are you going to say it is too bad and you will be off to wait for the next future Great God Pangu?”

Alice looked gently at Youxue as she said quietly, “What makes you think that I am composed? Just because I am looking composed? I am not. I just don’t know how to love another. That is our way...”

She paused before continuing, “That is my way for countless millenniums. I...I like him...”

She corrected herself as she hold he hands to her bosom, “I love him whether he is the future Great God Pangu or not. Whether you believe it or not, it doesn’t matter to me.”

Youxue and everyone else were all startled by Alice. They did not expect Alice to profess her affection for Yi Ping so openly.

Youxue muttered, “Sorry, I am a little too rush. I didn’t know better.”

The Goddess Isa heaved melancholy, “Alice is better than me in many ways. Now I know why the Dark Chaos Lord has picked her...now I know why Yi Ping has chosen her...”

Lingfeng turned to Nuwa to ask, “I can only imagine the Golden Lightning Calamity now. What about the third calamity then?”

Nuwa smiled weakly, “The third calamity of the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity can take many forms. No matter what form the third calamity will take, it will be even more formidable than the Golden Lightning Calamity for sure...”

All of a sudden, the entire heavens exploded thunderously!

Three brilliant purple lightning had zapped from the heavens above and had struck Yi Ping as the ground around him exploded in upheaval,

causing plummets of ashes and debris to fill the entire vicinity!

Everyone gasped but they were quickly able to see a golden aura around Yi Ping, an illusion created by the manifestation of his Invincible Divine Force.

Yi Ping gasped as the ground beneath him seemed to have sunk after he was struck by the three purple lightning. He felt wobbly after the tremendous impact but he stood his ground and he knew that this was only the start.

He thought, "I am now experiencing the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity. This is only the beginning and I already feel like my strength is been drained away..."

Indeed, these three purple lightning had the power to cause any practitioners that had less than the Seventh Immortal Positioning to turn ashes immediately!

But Yi Ping refused to falter in his will and focused his martial power to execute the Thousand Weight Fall as the fierce howling winds were now threatening him to lift him up to the skies!

He shouted to the heavens as he mustered his entire martial power to stabilize himself against the furious windforces that were threatening to seize him, "I am waiting!"

As though the heavens could hear him, it answered with hundreds of lightning that flashed across the entire heavens and the ground around him exploded thunderously as lightning strikes flashed from the heavens to the earth!

Yi Ping clasped tightly the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign; he knew that he was now going to battle against the elements of the Heavens as he prepared for the next befalling calamity.

All of a sudden the purple lightning in the dark heavens above, turned golden and the thunders that were generated were so terrifying, so deafening that anyone that was hearing it could feel as though a thousand arrows had pierced through their hearts!

Yi Ping's fingers were trembling at the deafening thunders and the golden flashes of lightning!

His resolute will begin to falter as he raised all his martial power to embrace it.

His first thought was, "These golden lightning must be even more powerful than the purple lightning. Can I trust my Golden Invincible Force to protect me from it? There must be something that I can do?"

As he thought of this, his will automatically reacted as guided by the Dark Emperor Artefact that was in his veins as he lifted his martial power again, causing the air around him to explode into explosive martial bursts!

Even Yi Ping did not know why he had done so for he was reacting to the powers above as he utilized the hidden Universal Force and the Desolate Force that were within him!

Those were the strengths of Xian'Er and Nuwa!

All of a sudden, a golden dazzling light exploded from within him and this became the tenth hovering golden disc!

Through the joining of Lie Qing with him as one, his potential in the Golden Invincible Force had also increased and now his body was automatically reacting to all his natural potentials to embrace the forthcoming calamity!

A golden lightning with multiple forks as brilliant as the sun exploded thunderously from the heavens and flashed on Yi Ping in the next instant, raining golden lightning strikes that torn the mountain sides asunder and the entire ground was literally sundered unrecognizable into a furious blizzard of flying debris!

Yi Ping screamed aloud as the golden lightning struck him, breeching through his Golden Invincible Force as he knelt onto the ground. He coughed a bout of blood as he thrust the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign into the ground as support or else he would have been hurled into the fierce vortex above him!

Before he could recover his senses, the heavens above roared again as a second golden lightning thundered above him and had flashed down onto him in the next instant!

This time, his Golden Invincible Force was broken and was dissipated as he coughed out another bout of blood!

Yi Ping found his visions grew dim and he was dazed as his blood began to reverse through his heart!

His martial power had been broken through as the golden lightning pierced through his very soul, showing him no mercy!

He murmured weakly to his two divine swords, "Is this going to be my last?"

His two divine swords began to shake furiously in his hands as though they were answering him. They began to resonant beautifully and in his ears floated the apparition melody tunes that were sung by Yu'Er and Mei'Er to him previously.

He muttered, "Yu'Er, Mei'Er...your melodies are ever so refreshing in my heart..."

Somehow his heart found courage again and he was lifted by the apparition music. When his visions had cleared, he was startled that to find the resonating divine swords of Yu'Er and Mei'Er, the Harp Whisperer and the Lyrical Whisperer to be positioned next to his divine swords!

The apparition melody tunes were real and had come from the Harp Whisperer and the Lyrical Whisperer!

He murmured, "Has Yu'Er and Mei'Er heard me and their divine swords have flown to my side?"

But to his startled surprise, the Harp Whisperer and the Lyrical Whisperer vanished all of a sudden in front of him!

He muttered, "It is only an illusion?"

He wiped the golden blood from his lips as he struggled to stand again

as he shouted to the heavens, "Is that the best that you can do?!"

The Heavens did not take long to show its wrath as hundreds of golden lightning thundered and flashed like hundreds of golden dragons above!

Yi Ping closed his eyes briefly to meditate, "My divine swords seem to be telling something. Can this be?..."

He fluttered his eyes opened as he lifted his two divine swords. He had a new insight as he began to incite the intricate formula of the Exalting Obliteration as he exercised his intricate energies to form the intricate sword energies of the sword technique that he had created a while ago, the 'Thousand Memories Swords'!

As he swung the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign Swords, one phantasm white sword after the other sprung from the ground after the other until there were eight beaming white swords that stood upright in a wide circle around him!

Yi Ping willed all his focus on one of the white phantasm sword until it took the shape of the Divine Constellation Sword, the divine sword of the Goddess Isa!

He was surprised that it could really take the shape of the Divine Constellation Sword!

He uttered, "The Divine Constellation Sword is of the lightning element and it can summon lightning. Now that Isa has just sanctorum released the sanctorum power of the Divine Constellation Sword, this may help..."

He was suddenly interrupted by the thunderous descending golden lightning that was so bright that it was like a thousand suns!

Immediately, he swung the two divine swords that were in his hands as he displayed dozens of strokes to lift the phantasm Divine Constellation Sword and the seven other phantasm swords, to fly up to the heavens above him!

As the phantasm Divine Constellation Sword speed upward, the other seven phantasm white swords caught up with it as it merged into it!

It was in time as the Divine Constellation Sword intercepted the golden lightning that was flashing down. The impacting conflict between the Divine Constellation Sword and the Golden Lightning were so thunderous that it exploded into a brilliant golden sun, shaking the heavens and the earth so violently that it seemed to be the end of the world!

Yi Ping was flung to the ground by the powerful shockwaves that were being generated. He was gasping as he thrust the Celestial Alice into the ground so that he would not be sucked into the vortex above him, "I...I have made it!"

The onlookers in the cave were all stunned. They seemed to have recognized the familiar shape of the Divine Constellation Sword in the thick smog just before it disappeared in mid-air when it struck the golden lightning!

Yi Ping had used the Thousand Memories Swords to create a spiritual element of the Divine Constellation Sword. He had never thought that this was possible but after seeing the phantasm form of the Harp Whisperer and the Lyrical Whisperer, he had decided to take a gambit to do so.

At this moment even he did not know how he was able to accomplish it. But one day, he would know that this was only possible because of the affectionate love of the divine swords' mistresses that were for him. The divine swords and their mistresses had divine harmonized together as one, their wills are as one and they are as one with Yi Ping as well!

But still, the brilliant thunderstorms above Yi Ping did not go unabated even though it had turned to white now. Now dozens of tornadoes with spiraling lightning around it could be seen all over the vicinity and seemed to be heading to his direction!

Yi Ping was startled, "What is this phenomenon?!"

But even before he got the time to contemplate, the smog and the thunderstorms had merged into the shape of a monstrous monster!

Just when Yi Ping thought that he was seeing things, this monstrous monster swiped its huge paws against the side of the mountains with

such tremendous power that it caused the cliff to asunder!

Now even the entire ground was cracking under its heavy weight!

Yi Ping was stunned for this monstrous monster was as big as a hill and it was more formidable than anything that he had fought.

He stared unbelievably at this monstrous form, "Is it even possible to defeat it?"

He was not the only one who was having the same thoughts; the rest of the onlookers in the cave were all stunned, even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and the Jade Emperor!

Yu'Er gasped, "What is that monster?"

Xian'Er said quietly, "That is the Heaven Sundering Monster. It is created by the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity."

Youxue stammered in shock, "How can everyone defeat anything this big? If he can then he would have already reached the top of the Stellar Sanctuary!"

Nuwa answered softly, "Need luck and plenty of luck."

# Chapter 228: The Heaven Defying Sword

The strong winds beat against Yi Ping, threatening to lift him up to the vortex above.

He was now clutching onto his swords and staring at the monstrous monster in front of him. It was so monstrous that the dozens of spiraling tornado vortexes did not even have any effect on it. But where else if Yi Ping was struck by one of the tornadoes, it would be disaster for him!

The power and strength disparity between them were simply too great!

The monstrous monster had now opened its jaws to roar thunderous and its roar shook the heavens and the earth!

And its two long elongated horns that extended outward like an elephant were attracting dozens of lightning like a lightning rod, spiraling before annihilating everything in its path!

Yi Ping murmured weakly, "So that is the manifestation of the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity?"

However, he was also spirited because he had just survived the Golden Lightning Calamity and that he knew that this was the last tribulation that he had to overcome. He was thankful that he was still alive.

He looked up and grinned to himself, "So I am battling against the Heavens now? It seems that I can't surrender now. But I wonder if you will want to surrender to me?"

He swung his right arm and looked fondly at the golden blade of the Celestial Alice. He had first obtained her when he had first reached the Celestial Realm but it really seemed like he had known the Celestial Alice for a long time. It was true because the Celestial Alice was the divine sword of the Dark Chaos Lord and the Goddess Celestial Alice. The imagery of the intricate strokes that had been displayed by the Celestial Alice and the Dark Chaos Lord now flashed in his mind...

He muttered fondly, "Alice..."

Next he swung his left arm and looked at the white beaming reflection



of the Fantian Sovereign with nostalgia. He had obtained the Fantian Sovereign in the Stellar Sanctuary but this divine sword was no stranger to him; it was used by the Great God Pangu and he knew that his previous incarnation was the Great God Pangu. Uniting with the Fantian Sovereign now had only made his resolute will even stronger. It seemed like nothing was impossible for him!

He looked at the reflection of the Fantian Sovereign again and smiled, “Xian’Er, after such a long time and after so many tribulations, we are finally together. I cannot fail now or I will be letting you down and...also letting myself down.”

Finally he lifted his eyes to look at the approaching monstrous monster with an ironic smile as he thought of Lingfeng aka the Heaveness, “Things wouldn’t be completed without you. Lingfeng, I have let you down once more. Forgive me.”

He recalled with a delightful smile, “We are always arguing and fighting. You really didn’t resemble the Heaveness at all. Or is it because you have suppressed all your exalted self just for me?”

With a deep sigh, he muttered. “Maybe it is because I am hovering at death door so everything is so clear to me now. I have finally realized who I have been searching for and waiting now. I have let you all down...”

He clutched his divine swords, “If I die here then I wouldn’t be able to tell Xian’Er, Alice and Lingfeng how dense I have been. So I mustn’t fall...”

All of a sudden he had an inspiration as he murmured, “Maybe I can try this...”

With that he raised the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign high up. There was a brilliant rainbow halo that were reflected off the golden glare of the two divine swords and at the same time, powerful shockwaves ruptured from around him, dissipating the furious howling winds in an instant!

That was because the two divine swords had merged into a white gold divine sword that was doubled the length of his two divine swords.

He sighed softly as he thought of the fight that he had with the Guardian Divine Naga and the Infernal Demon Beast, “This is the third time that I have attempted to merge the Fantian Sovereign and the Celestial Alice as one. Hopefully this time, I will be able to unleash it without any interruption. The last time that I have merged it, the fight was already over...”

With a mighty shout, he displayed dozens of sword arcs with the new divine sword as sword energies flew energetic around him as he murmured, “The name of my new divine sword is the Celestial Sovereign. Your full name will be Heaven Defying Celestial Sovereign Sword...”

As sword energies exploded around him, white beaming phantasm swords shot up from the ground one after the other!

Once again, he had displayed the Thousand Memories Sword as he mustered the last reserve of his entire strength, “Take all my strength, the Heaven Defying! This may be our last battle. Our will as one!”

As the sword energies intensified by the shouts of Yi Ping, the white beaming swords began to reshape as it took new forms!

First to emerge was the Blue Heavens, the divine sword of the Fiery Phoenix Xingyue!

It was followed by Lie Qing’s divine sword, the Eternal Light and the Blessed Heaven, the divine sword of Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess!

Next were the Lele’s Divine Echo and Yunzi’s White Phoenix, followed by Alice’s Astronomic Eulogy and Yixian’s Heavenly Tear!

It was followed by the divine swords of Lingfeng, Isa, Yu’Er and Mei’Er!

Altogether, there were ten beaming phantasm swords!

Yi Ping coughed out a bout of blood as he thought, “I have extended the limits of my Thousand Memories Swords to ten?”

But he wasted no time to think about it as he could only maintain the Thousand Memories Swords for a short while as he charged at the monstrous monster, accompanied by ten hovering flying beaming swords

around him!

As he sped toward the monstrous monster, the sword energies that were igniting out of the Celestial Sovereign gained new shape as it formed into new phantasm swords around him, protecting him from the furious lightning bolts!

He lifted himself with his all strength to execute the fastest swiftness movement that he had ever forced himself as he sped from boulder to cliff, cliff to mountain and until he was at a most high point as he jumped down onto the Heaven Sundering Demon below him!

By the time he had leapt at the monstrous monster with the Celestial Sovereign, accompanying by the ten hovering divine swords, there were literally hundreds of glowing phantasm swords that were scattered all over the ground and on the walls of the mountains!

But before Yi Ping could hack at the Heaven Sundering Demon, he was struck by a powerful wall of static but he continued to persist as he willed the Lyrical Whisper, the Harp Whisperer, the Blue Heavens and the Blessed Heavens to tunnel through the statics field, displaying the sword strokes of the Four Aggregates Sword Formation!

He was all too familiar with the Four Aggregates Sword Formation, having duel with Ye Yin, Xingyue, Yu'Er and Mei'Er on numerous occasions. In fact, if he wanted to, he would even display the Four Aggregates Sword Formation on his own but unfortunately, he could not split into four...

The Heaven Sundering Demon roared thunderously as it stared malevolently at the leaping Yi Ping. Immediately, its two elongated horns glow an electrifying blue as two streaks of blue lightning charged at Yi Ping!

These two blue lightning flashed thunderously at Yi Ping, its light were blinding and it was even more powerful than the Golden Lightning Calamity, so much that the entire heavens were supercharged by thousands of lightning forks that were immediately chained to the two blue lightning!

It was already too late for Yi Ping to dodge and he could not, for he was still in mid-air. Therefore, he could only fight it straight on. He sent the six other flying swords to collide with the two blue lightning!

There were a thunderous impact and the collision was as brilliant as ten thousand suns!

Yi Ping was hurled onto the ground with a thunderous impact, as mushroom cloud exploded at where he had landed as all ten of his Thousand Memories Sword were scattered into nothingness!

He coughed out blood as he lay on the ground weakly. He was convulsing as he gripped his divine sword, saying weakly. "I have failed. In the end, I cannot even get close to it and I am mortally wounded. I have no more strength left..."

But the Heaven Defying Celestial Sovereign Sword that was in his grip was resonating and was warm in his hand. It was as though it was protesting against its own fate!

Yi Ping turned to gasp weakly, "You still want to fight? But I have no more strength..."

All of a sudden he saw that there were hundreds of white phantasm swords around him and that these swords were emanating lightning!

He forced himself to stand up weakly, supported with the aid of his divine sword, "These swords have mitigated the lightning attacks by absorbing it..."

Indeed the ten divine swords had channeled the blue lightning attacks to the ground before shattering!

He muttered, "There are still residues of my Thousand Memories Sword left..."

Even though he had expended all his strength and could no longer maintain the Thousand Memories Swords but the sanctorum power of the Fantian Sovereign was its ability to materialize the surreal. When merged with the Celestial Alice, the will of the Fantian Sovereign continued to persist even after Yi Ping's will had already faltered.

The Heaven Sundering Demon roared thunderously again as it marched toward Yi Ping!

Yi Ping muttered as he clenched his fist, "I can still fight..."

He was determined not to waste the precious seconds that the Fantian Sovereign had granted him!

He raised his divine sword high up. All of a sudden hundreds of lightning zapped from the hundreds of phantasm swords onto the Heaven Defying Celestial Sovereign Sword before forming into a brilliant white lightning before bursting forth at the Heaven Sundering Demon!

He shouted as he swung his sword into the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Stroke, "Celestial Alice! I am now depending on your strength to magnify the remnants of my final stroke!"

The Heaven Sundering Demon reacted by discharging two brilliant blue lightning at Yi Ping!

Once again, it was like ten thousand suns had exploded as the heavens and the earth shook thunderously!

But this time, the Heaven Sundering Demon was dissipated into nothingness and even the howling winds had completely stopped now!

There was a brilliant purple glow on Yi Ping's forehead as he received the mark of the Ninth Immortal Positioning!

He gasped weakly as he collapsed onto the ground, "I...I have won..."

In his ears, he could hear the exciting cries of the maidens that he had loved before he slumbered into a deep sleep!

# Chapter 229: The Secrets of Immortality

When Yi Ping opened his eyes, he found himself looking the glaring light of the heavens and by the aromatic grasses that were around him.

He was startled by the affectionate cries of a dozen maidens that were surrounding him, everyone was trying to talk to him excitingly at the same time!

“Yi Ping! Ping’Er, you’re awake!”

The Universal Old Man could be heard saying over his top, “Look at this scene! We are his brothers yet we cannot even be the first to greet him!”

The Celestial Liege was heard, “He is my worthy opponent. How can he die just like this?”

Aiel was overheard saying, “Men, go away!”

Yi Ping was wobbly as he touched his head, “How long have I been unconscious?”

Xian’Er smiled gently as she touched his face gently, “It has only been just a little while.”

Yi Ping was startled as he looked around him; the surroundings were serene and there were grasses and flowers everywhere!

Lingfeng kicked him gently, knowing what he was thinking. “It has miraculously appears shortly after the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity. It was a pleasant surprise to us as well. It is really so beautiful...”

Yi Ping touched his forehead as he muttered, “I have reached the Ninth Immortal Positioning now...”

Alice smiled gently at him as she extended a hand to lift him up, “I am curious. How do you feel? What exactly is the Ninth Immortal Positioning?”

Yi Ping looked up at the Goddess Celestial Alice, “Ziyan...”

This Maiden Ziyan was actually the Goddess Celestial Alice. She was the first immortal that Yi Ping had met even though at that time he was

not aware who she was.

Alice asked shyly, "Yes?"

Yi Ping halted for a while before he smiled weakly, "Nothing...oh yes, you ask about the Ninth Immortal Positioning? It is actually the Heavens and Earth as one. It is what you have instructed me in the past..."

All of a sudden Alice gave him an embrace as she fell onto him, her eyes were beaming as she murmured. "Yes, you have truly become one with the heavens and the earth. It is easily said than done and you have done it."

Nuwa laughed, "As far as I know, he is only the forth to attain the Ninth Immortal Positioning, unless I have missed anyone in my long sleep!"

The Great Khan Heavenly King was curious to ask, "Only three? Who are they?"

Nuwa yawned softly but she replied him nevertheless, "They are naturally the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan, the World Ruler Fu Xi and the Great God Pangu. Are you thinking that you can be one of them? I can tell you, you can dream on. This is something that even millions of Desolate Immortals have tried but failed and I am not even saying they can even hope to attain to the Eighth Immortal Positioning!"

The Great Khan Heavenly King looked down shamefully but he was not the only one. The Jade Emperor and the other Heavenly Kings were all shifting uncomfortably. That was because after they had witnessed the descend of the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity, they were all stunned by its ferocity and they were all asking the same question, "The Ninth Immortal Positioning seems impossible to overcome. Is it even possible for us to attain to the Eighth Immortal Positioning?"

Nuwa gleefully said, "Hmph, the lot of you can't even imagine all the ten dimensional space and how it is related to the Immortal Positioning. The Great God Pangu is the first one that could comprehend the imaginable into the surreal space..."

Xian'Er panicky interrupted, "Lady Nuwa, you are revealing too much of

the secrets of Heavens and you will only harm them.”

Nuwa turned flustered as she panicky said, “Did I say something?”

She smirked coldly as she stared with cold malevolent at the Great Khan Heavenly King, “Very well then, I shall obliterate you first so that you will not reveal Heavens’ secrets...”

The Great Khan Heavenly King took panic steps backward as he said panicky, “No wait! I didn’t hear anything at all!...”

Xian’Er said quietly as she interrupted Nuwa, “That is enough, Lady Nuwa.”

As sudden as the cold malevolent had stirred, it was gone in the next instant. She quickly smiled as she groaned, “That reminds me of something that I have to do.”

All of a sudden, she raised her fist and knocked against Yi Ping’s head, stunning everyone!

Han Lin gasped out, “What are you doing? Are you trying to kill him?”

Yi Ping coughed out weakly as he looked blankly at Nuwa, blinking his eyes...

All the other maidens were surrounding Yi Ping protectively now!

Lingfeng shot Nuwa an angry glance, “Hey, what are you doing?”

Xian’Er asked gently, “Lady Nuwa, why did you hit Yi Ping for?”

Nuwa hummed coldly, “Why are everyone panicking for? He deserves a lesson!”

Yi Ping blinked at Nuwa, “I did something wrong?”

Nuwa pretended to be upset, “What else? Let me tell you. Why didn’t you consume the Fire Sanctorum Pill and the Immortal Quintessence Pearl? Do you know that these two divine pills can protect you against the elements?”

Yi Ping stared weakly at the Nuwa, “I didn’t know and you didn’t tell me earlier...”



Youxue felt wobbly as she stared at Nuwa in disbelief, “Why didn’t you tell Yi Ping earlier?”

Everyone was staring at the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and they were all thinking the same too!

Nuwa blinked at them as she rebuked them gently, “I didn’t? Shouldn’t you all high immortals have any common sense to tell? Alas, I forget. Our divinity has such a wide gap that it is impossible for anyone of you to think the same as me. Oh well, never mind then!”

What could the rest of them do but to smile weakly at her?

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was growling, “What does this have to do with common sense? Did someone just give us a slap on our face?”

Yi Ping quickly bowed with his hands, “Senior, Nuwa really don’t mean it. She is always careless with her choice of words...”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King growled again but he did not pursue further. Because he could see that the other Heavenly Kings were looking weakly at him as though they were all saying to him, “Even if this is an insult but what can we do? Can we fight her? She is a Desolate Immortal of the Eighth Immortal Positioning and she can whack us anytime.”

It was not impossible to defeat her, given that there were so many of them but they had to sacrifice half of them. The real question was; who was going to be the sacrificial lamb first? Obviously none of them wanted to be one therefore the majority of them had chosen to keep quiet over it!

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, “Of course our Sister Nuwa didn’t mean that.”

She had treated the injuries of the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa previously and Nuwa had regarded her as her good sister. Therefore Nuwa did not mind at all when she called her as her Sister Nuwa.

Yi Si nodded, “Sister Nuwa really did not mean anything!”

Nuwa cursed softly to herself, “Oh crap! I really forget to mention it to Yi Ping. Luckily, he has pulled through the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity or I would never forgive myself.”

She quickly tried to change the topic as she turned to Yi Ping, her expression was so composed that it seemed that nothing had happened. “And secondly, why did you rush at that Heaven Sundering Demon?”

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, “I am not supposed to?”

Nuwa sighed softly, “Of course you are not supposed to! You are supposed to subdue the Divine Calamity with your intense meditation and resolute will!”

Yi Ping blinked rapidly, “I am supposed to do that?! I really did not know that...”

Nuwa heaved a heavy sigh, “I wonder how you become a practitioner by being so reckless!”

Xian’Er smiled weakly, “Lady Nuwa my sister, you can’t fault him. He has only been a practitioner for less than six years.”

Nuwa stared in disbelief at Yi Ping and everyone could see that her jaw almost dropped, “What the hell...really? How is it possible? Do you know how long each divine stage it takes to ponder over its full mystery?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he stole a glance at Xian’Er and Lingfeng, “I didn’t want to be a practitioner in the first place...”

Except for the Jade Emperor, the other Heavenly Kings were all staring at Yi Ping with their jaws opened as they were filled with disbelief and astonishment!

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen and the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess quickly smiled as they said quickly, “We have always known you are the Great God Pangu...”

They were startled by each other when they had exclaimed at the same time. It was because they had decided that it was never too late now to butter to Yi Ping. No matter if he was the Great God Pangu, the fact that

he was an immortal of the Ninth Immortal Positioning made him the strongest immortal now. It was not a fluke or luck that he could defeat all the Heavenly Kings so easily. They simply had to admit he had outclassed all of them!

Lie Qing yawned softly as she stroked her braided hair, "All the actresses seem to have emerged suddenly."

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen smiled weakly, "I don't lie. That is my innermost feeling all this while. It is just that it is not convenient for me to voice it out."

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Queen was also smiling weakly, "That is my exact sentiments as well..."

Lele gave her a playful tease, "Oh yes? I still remember you try to bully our Yi Ping!..."

Yi Si protested weakly, "Mum! Big Sister, she is really nice to us all!..."

Lele laughed softly as she shrugged her shoulders, "Whatever. I am the Great Empress of the Immortal Realm. I can be forgiving, you know!"

The Lord Supreme said all of a sudden, "Yi Ping..."

Yi Ping had noticed that the Lord Supreme was extremely solemn and so were the Immortal Saint of Swords, the Universal Old Man and Lingfeng!

The Immortal Saint of Swords sighed softly, "Let me..."

Yi Ping was perplexed as he quickly asked, "Is there something wrong?"

The Immortal Saint of Swords roared with laughter as he looked to the heavens, "Something is wrong! But we have good news for you. We have finally unraveled the last stumbling block to our present divinity and may very soon ascend to the Immortal Realm!"

Yi Ping was surprised and so were the others, "You have finally unraveled the ultimate block and can ascend?"

He looked at Lingfeng, "Really?"

Lingfeng nodded, "Indeed and it is all thanks to you."

Yi Ping was startled, "What does it have to do with me?"

The Universal Old Man laughed jovially, "You know, all these years, we have puzzled over this last stumbling block to ascend to the Immortal Realm. Even though our attainment tells us that we are long overdue but no matter how hard we try, the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity refuses to descend. We are the last of the Ancient Celestials but even for us, we are helpless. But now, we can finally sense the throbbing energy of the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity."

Yi Ping was startled as he quickly asked, "The Heavens Sundering Divine Calamity will now descend on you?"

The Universal Old Man laughed, "Our Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity won't be as fierce as yours. It is probably just the Purple Lightning Calamity but even then, it is enough pain for us to overcome."

The Lord Supreme laughed, "I reckon that if we were to make it out alive of the Stellar Sanctuary, then it won't be long before we will be visited by the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity!"

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were also startled. Mei'Er quickly asked, "Father, you are going to leave us soon? But we have only just met..."

Yu'Er forced a smile, "Separation is part of life. Mei'Er, don't be sad."

Mei'Er pursed her lips but her eyes were wet, "I...I am not sad!"

The Lord Supreme embraced Yu'Er and Mei'Er, "Cultivate hard. One day, we will be together again."

Yi Ping turned to Lingfeng, "Lingfeng, you are saying that the reason you can unravel the last stumbling block is due to me? I don't understand..."

Lingfeng smiled, "You should be happy for us. When I have ascended to the Immortal Realm, I am going to keep a watchful look on you."

But she quickly grown solemn as she said melancholy, "All these years, our practice leads us to cultivate our self by subduing the Divine Calamity through our intense meditation and resolute will. But after witnessing how you take the initiative to fight the Divine Calamity, we

have an awakening. The very reason why the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity refuses to descend for us, is because if we stick to our divine practice, then none of us will be able to overcome the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity.”

She smiled fondly at Yi Ping, her eyes were full of melancholy yet it was full of gladness and appreciation. “You have shown us an alternate practice that we didn’t see...The highest level of divinity is to reverse the cultivation practice. Why didn’t anyone of us see something as obvious as this?”

Yi Ping did not display gladness. Rather he asked solemnly, “Lingfeng, don’t lie to me. What are the odds of you overcoming the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity?”

Lingfeng smiled alluringly, “Alright I won’t lie to you. The odds of overcoming any Divine Calamity won’t be higher than thirty percent because it is always scaling to your full potential. This odd is good enough for me. I have overcome numerous Divine Calamities even when you are not around. This, you don’t have to worry for me...”

All of a sudden she gasped aloud!

It was because before she could finish, Yi Ping had pulled her into his trembling embrace as he cried out, “Lingfeng, Lingfeng...”

Lingfeng heaved a soft sigh, “What? You have suddenly become a crybaby. That is not the Yi Ping that I have known. Are you missing my kicks already? We have not parted yet, you know. Wait for me, will you? It will only be a short while...”

Yi Ping tightened his arms around her, “I will, I will. Don’t you lie to me. You must come...”

Lingfeng broke down into tears as she whispered melancholy, “When did I ever lie to you, huh? You should be happy for me instead...”

The Lord Supreme looked a little lost at the scene. He managed a weak smile as he said aloud, “The Unmoving Mountains has the best spiritual ground to prepare against the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity. Since

all four of us are facing the same calamity at the same time, maybe it is wise that we overcome it at the same time.”

Skylord Jun said solemnly, “And I will be in the Immortal Realm to watch out for your ascension omens and will be there to receive you in the First Heavens! That is my promise!”

Alice smiled gently, “I will be there too!”

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess Asura and the Goddess of Mercy all said at the same time, “And all of us too!”

The Goddess Aiel smiled, “I will be there too.”

Han Lin sighed softly, “Mistress, you are an immortal...you are leaving me after this...”

Aiel growled softly, “You are supposed to face your Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity too. Aren’t you glad?”

Han Lin lowered her glance, “I have no confident at all. I have never thought that one day, I would be able to ascend to the Immortal Realm...”

Aiel smiled, “Come on. Imagine this. You will be the first immortal of the Celestial Aiel Sect to fly up to the Immortal Realm. You did us all proud and your name will be forever etched in the annals of the Celestial Aiel Sect. You will be Han Lin, the first Dragon Practitioner to ever ascend...”

Han Lin interrupted softly, “This is not funny at all, Mistress.”

The Universal Old Man heaved a heavy sigh, “This is what I have been always dreaming of. But why am I not glad at all?”

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess said softly, “That is because you have a thorn in your heart now. You have to forget the Lady Winter Plum and regained your emotionless heart or you can forget about ascending.”

She looked at Lingfeng and sighed melancholy, “The same goes for the Heavenness as well...”

Both the Universal Old Man and Lingfeng were trembling now...

Yi Ping was shaking furiously as he looked at the heavens above, “So, if we want to ascend, if we want to reach the realm of translucence, we must all be emotionless?”

Lingfeng murmured, “Yi Ping...”

Xian’Er said quietly, “The more emotional our hearts are, the more raging our Divine Calamities would be. This is a never changing rule for the practitioners. We must think light of parting, of deaths and sorrows...”

Yi Ping laughed coldly, “I have never thought of being an immortal. I have never thought of ascending to the heavens. I have never thought of becoming the Great God Pangu. I just want to be myself!”

He turned to Lele with melancholy sorrows, “So be it then. Lele, take us to the 100th level now. You can use my strength to transmigrate all of us to the 100th level. We are...coming to the end of the Stellar Sanctuary now...”

# Chapter 230: Floor 100th

There was a bright stellar light and soon after, the group found themselves in a gigantic white gold hallway surrounded by huge monuments of giant beasts, many which they had not seen before.

Yi Ping was the first to recollect his wits and asked, "We are now in the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary?"

Lele gasped weakly as she nodded. It was obvious that the effort of transmigrating so many people had sapped her strength.

Yi Ping quickly caught hold of her as he asked, "Lele, you are alright?"

Lele closed her eyes for a while as she nodded again.

Yi Ping knew that she was trying to restore her vital energy flow and could not speak. Without a word more, he quickly hit several times on her back to infuse to her his internal strength.

At the same time, everyone was wobbly collapsing on the ground or was exercising their internal strength to adapt to their new surroundings. Transferring through the Stellar Sanctuary like this, was taxing for everyone.

Only Xian'Er, Nuwa and the rest of the other Immortals who were of the Seventh Immortal Positioning were not so affected by the wobbly experience and they were now looking and keenly inspecting at their surroundings.

The Goddess Celestial Alice said melancholy, "So this is the 100th floor. The floor that the Dark Chaos Lord went to and had never returned..."

The Goddess Isa was equally melancholy as she stared blankly at the hallways...

The Martial Sage gasped out in astonishment at the magnificent white gold hallway. It was unlike any that they had seen so far.

Even the Celestial Liege commented, "Magnificent! Beautiful!"

Ye Ling smiled, "Indeed!"



All of a sudden Lele began to cough aloud and everyone was looking in her direction. It seemed that she had regained her vital strength as she began to laugh jovially as she lifted her large scythe around her with just her three right fingers and patted hard on her Divine Echo, “We are finally on the 100th level floor now!”

Lie Qing immediately caught the blade of her large scythe with her two fingers as she growled, “Watch where you swing that thing. I am not worried if you injured anyone accidentally but if you tore my clothing and make me embarrassed then I will slap you, even if you are my dear sister!”

Yi Ping said at the same time, “Lele, do you need more rest? You have exerted quite a bit...”

Lele grinned wryly, “Oh, um, oh!”

Lie Qing furrowed coldly, “What is up with this oh, um and oh! Can’t you say something intelligent?”

But Lele continued her pretense as she shook her head, “Oh, um, oh!”

Lie Qing shook her head in resignation, “I’ll give up on her! Yi Ping, settle her yourself!”

The Heavenly Pagoda King looked at the Nirvana Heavenly Queen as he asked, “Is that some kind of a secret divine code?”

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen stared at him, “My foot! You are self-delusional.”

The Heavenly Pagoda King looked at the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Formosa Heavenly King and they were all muttering secretly. To them, it must be some kind of a divine code!

They were now on the 100th level floor now and they must not miss any clues to obtain the Essential Righteous Energy of the Great God Pangu!

Lele was the Alma of the Great God Pangu so therefore she must have already known quite a bit about the 100th floor!

Even the Great Khan Heavenly King was murmuring, “Oh, um, oh!...”

Mei’Er giggled as she whistled, “Oh, um, oh!...”

Han Lin and Aiel were also muttering to each other, “Oh, um, oh!...oh, um, oh!”

Aiel gasped suddenly, “When the Great God Pangu created the Three Known Realms, legends say that the first sound he made is Ohm!”

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang gave Aiel a strange look as she tried to pull a solemn face, “Yelp, that’s right.”

Lingfeng secretly moved her lips to whisper to her Dual Celestial counterparts, “Lele, look what you have done! Thanks to you, the whole party is confused now.”

Lie Qing whispered to them, “She just enjoying it. Just ignore her. Yi Ping is so smart. He isn’t even trying to entertain her.”

Lele whispered jovially, “Because I like. Oh, um, oh!”

Nuwa whispered teasingly, “Oh, um, oh!”

This time Yi Ping grumbled back, “Not you too, Nuwa...”

Nuwa whispered, “Now I finally got your attention!”

Alice whispered coolly, “You are all attention seekers. I can’t believe it.”

Nuwa raised her eyebrows as she whispered back, “Don’t tell me you are not interested to seek Yi Ping’s attention?”

Alice hummed coldly aloud as she raised her divine voice, “We are all ready to proceed?”

Yi Ping suddenly said, “Wait! Yu’Er and Mei’Er...”

Yu’Er and Mei’Er were startled as they looked at each other before looking at Yi Ping curiously. It was because they found it weird that Yi Ping would call them suddenly out of the blue. They asked, “Yes Master Yi Ping?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly. After all these years, he still could not get used to them calling him Master Yi Ping in such a polite manner. After all six years ago, they had already remembered who they were; they were the Eclipse and Axis Heaven Goddess, the most exalted of all the celestial

practitioners. They did not need to bow or be humbled to anyone. But they had remained very humble.

He sighed softly for he had remembered as Eclipse and Axis Heaven Goddess, they used to be so aloof and exalted. But Yu'Er and Mei'Er had rarely made mention of their previous past, even though they had already regained their previous memories due to their ten thousand years of cultivation.

Yi Ping smiled at them as he reached for his pouch, "Yu'Er, I want you to take this Immortal Quintessence Pearl and Mei'Er, this Fire Sanctorum Pill is for you."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er were surprised as they said together, "This is for me? But why?"

All the others were also startled and were surprised.

Nuwa said coolly, "These two divine pills are two of the rarest under the heavens and you are giving to them just like this?"

Yi Ping answered coolly as he held the two pills, "I am afraid that other than Yu'Er and Mei'Er, none of them are able to absorb the fiery and the icy essences of these two divine pills."

Xian'Er nodded, "That is true. Yu'Er and Mei'Er have ten thousand years of practice each. Moreover, they have already mastered the Dual Inertness Intricacy and are able to absorb the essences of the heavens, earth, the sun and the moon."

Nuwa smiled, "Sister Fantian, have you forgotten that the two of us are also qualified to take it. Imagine this, if we can both take one pill each then sooner or later, we will also be able to reach the Ninth Immortal Positioning. When that day comes, even the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan and the World Ruler Fu Xi will have to think thrice before they would want to offend us!"

She lifted her fingers and pointed wildly, "I have the Chaotic Desolate Force and I am sure that I can absorb the Fire Sanctorum Pill without any problem. As for Sister Fantian, for sure you can use your Creation

Universal Force to absorb the Immortal Quintessence Pearl!"

Xian'Er smiled gently, "That may be the case but even for us, there are still considerable risks for us. But for Yu'Er and Mei'Er, due to their bonding together, they will be able to aid each other for the Fire Sanctorum Pill and the Immortal Quintessence Pearl are the extremes of each other."

Nuwa laughed softly, "If these two young lasses can be compatible, so can we. We have known each other for such a long time already..."

Xian'Er smiled weakly, "It is not a matter how long we have known each other. Our intricate energies practices are different. If you or I would run into difficulties, so who can aid us?"

Nuwa protested weakly, "Naturally it will be the Great God Pangu!..."

Yi Ping interrupted with a quiet smile, "I will find a better one for you next time. These pills may or may not be able to aid you. It is better to be careful."

Nuwa sighed softly, "Well, if you say so..."

Actually the rest of the group was also all looking covetously at these two pills but as they knew that Yi Ping would not give it to them and there was no reason for him to do so, so they could only watch quietly.

Yi Ping put the two divine pills in Yu'Er and Mei'Er hands, as he urged them with a smile. "Quickly take it. I would like to see what effects those wondrous pills have on you!"

Mei'Er laughed softly as swallowed the Fire Sanctorum Pill, "Master Ping, you are so bad. You just want to use us as your guinea pigs!"

Yu'Er laughed as she took the Immortal Quintessence Pearl, "Unfortunately sister, that is our fate."

As soon as Yu'Er and Mei'Er had taken the pill, Yi Ping had struck them on their shoulders, starting them!

He moved his lips as he said secretly to them, "Yu'Er and Mei'Er, I am whispering to you via the Great Whispering Skill. The others who are

lower than my divinity won't be able to hear me. I have infused my Essential Righteousness Energy into your body to aid you. Just focus on amalgamate the divine pill into your body."

Yu'Er and Mei'Er nodded quietly as they began to exercise their internal strength. Barely had it began, it was done!

Their countenances were glowing and their transformation was startling!

The Lord Supreme gasped, "Yu'Er and Mei'Er, you have reached the peak of your divinity!"

Lingfeng laughed softly as she clapped her hands, "Good! Then I have some company when I am in the Immortal Realm!"

Yu'Er nodded as she looked at Yi Ping with appreciative eyes, "The Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity will descend upon us soon and it is all thanks to you..."

Mei'Er muttered softly as she tried to suppress her tears, "We can join Master Ping in the Immortal Realm too...no not yet! After the Heaven Sundering Divine Calamity..."

Yi Ping patted her on her head as he stood towering over her, "Mei'Er, soon. I am sure destiny will surely permits it..."

He sighed softly as he added, "After all, it has been a long time ever since to this day."

Mei'Er looked melancholy into his eyes as she saw the reflection of the White Sage in his eyes. It was soon followed by her very own reflection as the Axis Heaven Goddess. Indeed, that was a long time ago...

She looked at him as she held his fingers with both her hands, "Master Ping..."

These six years seemed to fly in a blink of an eye. When she had first met Yi Ping, he was just a thin young man. Over the years due to the numerous tough fights that Yi Ping had, he had grown into a muscular young man, although his long sleeves hid his slow transformation.

But Mei'Er had always been attentive to him and was aware of his slow transformation.

Yu'Er tapped Mei'Er gently as she smiled to her sister, "Some things are better left unsaid."

Yi Ping forced a smile as he said, "I wonder where we are? I hope that this time that we are at the Life Gate, then we can get to the epicenter without a single fight."

Lingfeng laughed softly, "So what are we waiting for then? So let's us explore the 100th level!"

Even Xiao Ping was howling loudly in excitement!

The Goddess Celestial Alice nodded lightly as she walked sexily across the hallway as she snapped her fingers, "This may be our greatest battle ever and the trials on this level won't be any easier. I am ready but what about the rest? If anyone is afraid, you can remain where you are and waited for the Stellar Sanctuary to time up."

The Goddess Isa laughed softly, "I love challenges. Needless to say, I am going to continue!"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King banged his golden rod on the floor with a large treble as he laughed, "Even though I know that the trials will be formidable, I am still going forward. I am just wondering if Yi Ping dares to bring us along?"

The Jade Emperor stroked his long beard as he looked at Yi Ping, "Surely you are not thinking of going off on your own?"

Everyone was looking at Yi Ping now. It was because none of them wanted to be one to be left out even if it meant that they would perish!

The ultimate prize for witnessing the true mystery of the Stellar Sanctuary was simply too much for everyone to bear!

Yi Ping grinned, "Of course not..."

All of a sudden Yi Ping stopped in his tracks as he saw the Great Khan Heavenly King flashed into the passage in front of them!

Just as Nuwa and Alice were about to go after the Great Khan Heavenly King, Yi Ping said to them without any expression. “Let him go. It doesn’t matter.”

The Formosa Heavenly King was outraged as he shouted, “That traitor!”

All of a sudden, the mocking thunderous voice of the Great Khan Heavenly King could be heard via the Thousand Miles Resonant Skill, “You are all so foolish! Fools! By going in such a large group, you are only making the trials impossible to overcome! If you are wise, you will break into smaller groups or even venture alone! The trials of the Stellar Sanctuary exist for only the individuals. There is only one Great God Pangu and the first one to obtain the Great God Pangu’s Life Force will be the true Great God Pangu! Needless to say, I will be the one and only chosen Great God Pangu!...”

# Chapter 231: Three as One

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was shaking with rage as he raised his golden rod as he shouted, "That traitor! I am going to get him!..."

With a flash, he had already leapt to the next hallway but he was startled to find that Shen Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix was already standing at the end of the hallway as she greeted him with an alluring smile.

He shouted angrily, "Why are you blocking me? You are in cahoots with him?"

But Xingyue was undeterred as she maintained her angelic smile and even the Western Paradise Heavenly King was secretly startled as he thought, "This maiden, she is so mesmerizing and her speed is so startling. She can actually intercept me at my full throttle..."

Xingyue smiled as she looked at her finger tips and played with her Blue Heavens, "I say, you needn't go after him. Why not stay where you are instead?"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King lessened his furies to say, "I am not going to let him off just like this. Lass, move out of the way or I won't be polite with you anymore."

Ye Yin had also flashed next to Xingyue as she said to him, "Hey, cool it!"

Xingyue laughed softly as she pointed to Yi Ping and the rest of the group, "If even Yi Ping isn't bothered with it, so why do you bother?"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was speechless as he turned to look at Yi Ping, "You are really letting him off just like this?"

Even the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa was asking, "Really Yi Ping?"

Yi Ping said solemnly, "Xingyue really knows my heart."

Xingyue was delighted as she answered hastily, "Of course!"

The Western Paradise Heavenly King murmured, "I don't understand..."



Yi Ping replied, "If he is destined to be the Great God Pangu, then there is nothing we can do. But before we venture further, there is one more thing that I need to do first."

The Jade Emperor was also anxious as he did not want the honor of becoming the next Great God Pangu to fall to the Great Khan Heavenly King, "We should hurry..."

But Yi Ping closed his eyes as he muttered, "It will only be for a little while. There is something that I haven't been able to figure out yet."

Lingfeng asked, "Which is?"

But Yi Ping did not reply to her for he was in deep meditation.

Lingfeng turned to Xingyue, "You know?"

Xingyue smiled as she shrugged her shoulders, "I do not know anything. I only know that if Yi Ping wants to stop him, he won't be able to sneak past us. Yi Ping is different now and we are underestimating him."

Alice nodded, "You are right. He is a Ninth Positioning Immortal now. The instant that the Great Khan Heavenly King makes his move, Yi Ping will be able to intercept him if he wants to. But he isn't doing that and he seems preoccupied with something. I wonder what it is."

Lingfeng hummed softly, "Who cares about what goes in his imbalance mind?"

Youxue, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Xingyue, Yunzi, Lele, Ye Yin and even Lie Qing all broke into small chuckles as they began to whisper among themselves, "Wonder what is up with Yi Ping?"

Yi Ping had closed his eyes to meditate quietly. He had just awakened his Ninth Immortal Heaven Eyes and when he had arrived at this floor, he had a sudden familiar feeling and this familiar feeling was awakening his inner self!

It was as though he was gaining the knowledge of the White Sage, the Dark Chaos Lord and the Great God Pangu at the same time!

Unlike Yu'Er, Mei'Er and Lingfeng, who could remember their past lives

due to their profound attainment in the past and because of their entanglements with the White Sage, Yi Ping was not able to. Also, as the White Sage in the past, he had sacrificed all his divinity to try to undo his mistakes to them.

But now, he felt a weird sense of déjà vu as he awakened the wisdom of the White Sage, the combat finesse of the Dark Chaos Lord and the profound aptitude of the Great God Pangu!

Yi Ping opened his eyes and looked at the group with a smile as he said, "Let's go!"

The group was startled for Yi Ping had only closed his eyes for a minute or so!

Lele asked, "So fast? So what are you thinking of?"

Yi Ping patted her as he smiled, "Nothing really but let's us be on our way now!"

Lingfeng snapped her fingers, "Hah! You are only daydreaming. So let's go now!"

Youxue hummed coldly, "Good! I am going to hunt him down."

The Nirvana Heavenly Queen smiled, "He is one of the Prime Heavenly Kings. It won't be easy for you to defeat him even if you are armed with an ancient desolate sword. Don't get caught with him alone or you will surely regret it."

Youxue hummed softly as she walked behind Yi Ping, "Well, I am not afraid of him. We shall see who is afraid of whom then!"

Lie Qing said quietly to Yunzi, "But no matter what, that Great Khan Heavenly King has got ahead of us now."

Yunzi nodded as she said, "Even if that is the case, the Stellar Sanctuary is like a maze so he may not necessary gain an advantage over us."

Mei'Er chuckled, "Maybe the death gate is just in front of us and he is just scouting for us!..."

Yu'Er sighed softly as she whispered to them, "If it is the death gate,

then we are in trouble as well...”

All of a sudden, there was a terrifying scream that rocked the entire hallway!

It was the terrifying scream of the Great Khan Heavenly King!

Yi Ping was startled as he hurried his steps in alarm, “It is him! He is in trouble!...”

Lingfeng flashed next to Yi Ping, “You are going to help him?”

Yi Ping grinned, “No harm taking a look right?”

Lingfeng stepped on his foot on purpose as she hummed coldly, “You are so sly. I know you are going to help him!”

All of a sudden Yi Ping stopped in his tracks. It was because there were three passages in front of them and all the passages had a shimmering portal at the entrance!

Yi Ping stared at the three passages as he murmured, “So which way...”

Even Nuwa and Xian’Er had paused in their tracks to ponder!

Lele laughed softly, “Now, if only he can shout loudly again.”

By this time, Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess had caught up with them. Giving an alluring smile, she winked at Yi Ping. “No need. He has gone into the middle. Let’s go in!”

Yi Ping gestured after the group as he said quickly, “We can trust Ye Yin. Her acute sense is pretty accurate...”

Ye Yin chuckled softly without flushing as she cut in, “I know right! I am so good, am I right!”

Xingyue laughed, “We all know!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King and the other Heavenly Kings were all looking at each other, not knowing if the Great Khan Heavenly King was really in the middle.

The Formosa Heavenly King warned, “If the Great Khan Heavenly King is in one of the three passages, then the question is, how is it possible for

us to hear him?”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, “Everything is possible here. It could be that the Great Khan Heavenly King had met with something really dangerous that forced him to exercise all his vital strength when he was being struck, hence that is why we are able to hear his scream through the portal.”

The Jade Emperor stroked his long beard, “Maybe yes, maybe no. We have to be sure. If it is a trap then we are all done for.”

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess replied with a smile, “Your Jade Emperor, this Maiden Ye Yin is something. Her sixth sense is seriously uncanny.”

Alice nodded, “I believe in the Ascension Goddess as well.”

Nuwa turned to ask Yi Ping, “What do you think?”

Yi Ping in the meantime was focusing on the passage ways; he had stretched his hand forward as he moved his fingers in the direction of the three passages one by one.

Suddenly he shouted, “In the middle. Let’s go!” And he had dashed into the passage that was in the middle, accompanied happily by the gigantic golden Kirin that was behind him!

Youxue panicky called out after him, “Wait, how do you know? That is too reckless...”

Yunzi pulled Youxue’s along with her, laughing softly. “Dear sister, this is not the time to ask. Let’s follow him!”

Lingfeng sighed softly, “Men...”

The Universal Old Man was also shaking his head, “I have got a bad feeling about this...”

The Lord Supreme looked at the Universal Old Man, the Immortal Saint of Swords and the Skylord Jun. “Let’s go!”

Lie Qing watched as Yi Ping, Ye Yin, the Celestial Fairy, the Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Lele disappeared into the shimmering portal in the

portal, smiling weakly to herself. “Lele, Yi Ping, Sister Xian’Er, and Ye Yin are so...reckless...” But she had also sped into the shimmering portal and she was quickly followed behind by Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Xingyue, Alice, Isa, Aiel and Han Lin.

The Jade Emperor looked at the other Heavenly Kings with a grin, “So what are we waiting for?”

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King laughed, “Since the Great Goddess Fantian has already entered the portal, so naturally we must follow as well.”

The Formosa Heavenly King and the Avant-garde Heavenly King said at the same time, “Right! Go!”

And the whole group soon dashed into the shimmering portal in the middle at almost the same time!

# Chapter 232: The Divine Armor of the Great God Pangu

As soon as Yi Ping had stepped into the shimmering portal, he found himself in a new magnificent hall but he had no time to appreciate the grandeur; the Great Khan Heavenly King was fighting against a gigantic white tiger and from the look of it, he was in a critical situation!

The Great Khan Heavenly King was worn-down and he was fighting for his life!

Yi Ping was startled for he had recognized the scars that were on this gigantic white tiger. He thought, "Isn't this the White Tiger Divine Beast?"

Xian'Er who had just stepped forth from the shimmering portal was also startled as she said, "Isn't this the Divine White Tiger?"

Nuwa was also startled as she whispered in secret, "Huh? Isn't this the divine steed of the Great God Pangu?"

All of a sudden there was a great thunderous shout from the Western Paradise Heavenly King as he charged straight for the White Tiger Divine Beast!

Yi Ping was startled as he called out, "Wait!..."

But the Western Paradise Heavenly King struck the Divine White Tiger on its back with the full unleashing of his martial power. But instead of a thunderous strike that everyone was expecting, the blow was soft and was immediately neutralized!

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was startled but before he could react, the White Divine Tiger raised its paw and with a swipe, had caused him to crash thunderously against the wall!

At the same time, Xiao Ping the Golden Kirin had also rushed for the Divine White Tiger but was swept aside by the explosive shockwave roar of the Divine White Tiger!

Yi Ping was also startled because the Divine White Tiger appeared to be so much stronger than the last time.

Lingfeng seemed to understand what he was thinking. She gave a smile as she whispered secretly to him, "These Divine Beasts can freely appear in all the levels of the Stellar Sanctuary. When they appear at the lower levels, their true divine might are suppressed or else none of us will have a chance against the divine beasts."

Alice whispered back in secret, "These divine beasts are not supposed to be defeated even in the lower levels. You are supposed to be able to make good your escape if you are capable. If you are incapable then you can only blame your ill-fate."

Lingfeng raised her eyebrows as she whispered back with a soft, "You make it sound so easy..."

At this time, Xian'Er had flashed next to the Divine White Tiger to say, "I know you. You are the guardian of this floor?"

Yi Ping had also flashed next to Xian'Er. He lowered his swords to say, "You are here too?"

At the same time, he said to the group that was behind him, "Hold. I know this divine beast..."

The Divine White Tiger roared thunderous again but did not attack further even though it was surrounded by a large group.

The Great Khan Heavenly King who was lying flattened under the paw of the Divine White Tiger was mourning, "Help me..."

Yi Ping said quietly to the Divine White Tiger, "Let him go."

The Divine White Tiger roared mightily again before lifting its paw.

The Western Paradise Heavenly King was already on his feet and he was next to the Great Khan Heavenly King in the next instant as he lifted him up angrily, "You traitorous fellow! You dare to walk out of us just like this? Do you think that you owe us an explanation?"

The Great Khan Heavenly King was extremely pale and he was

coughing feebly, “I am wrong, I am wrong...”

Lele spat coldly, “Why do we have to save him? Just let him die!”

Lie Qing snapped her fingers to say coldly, “He is wrong but he didn’t even apologize for his actions. Therefore he isn’t in the least sorry at all. What a man, what a man!”

Yi Ping waved her down as he said to the White Divine Tiger, “You want to come with us? Fine, fine. Then come.”

Then he turned to the Great Khan Heavenly King with a soft sigh, “You are lucky that this divine beast is a friend of mine. Let bygones be bygones.”

The Great Khan Heavenly King muttered, “Indeed, indeed.”

Xiao Ping the Golden Kirin howled miserably as it stomped the ground as it looked at the Divine White Tiger.

Alice laughed as she calmed Xiao Ping down with her divine voice, “Don’t be a sore loser. I know you may not lose if you persist but I rather the two of you to be the best of friends in the future.”

Yi Ping pulled the two divine beasts close to each other as he laughed aloud, “That is what I am wishing for as well!”

Youxue smiled at the two towering divine beasts as she turned to Yi Ping to say, “Alas! Stop paying too much attention to these beasts and more on us!”

Yu’Er, Mei’Er, Yunzi, Han Lin, Aiel and all the other maidens began to chuckle among themselves as they exchanged glancing looks with each other!

Just as Yi Ping had wanted to protest to them, the entire floor began to shake violently!

Han Lin panicked cried out, “What is going on here?”

Aiel smiled, “Silly! The Stellar Sanctuary is arranging itself. That is why!”



Indeed the entire floor of the Stellar Sanctuary seemed to be shifting itself until the entire hall reshaped into an infinity stair that sprang right in front of them!

When the rumblings stopped, they were still in the same hall except that there was a flight of stair that stretched from no end in sight with only a blue light that could be seen at the very top of the stairs!

The Universal Old Man rubbed his hands as he looked at everyone, "What is this?"

Yi Ping was also looking at the stairs and was perplexed. Finally he muttered with a soft sigh, "It seems that we have arrived at our destination?"

Everyone was stealing glances at each other as they thought at the same time, "We have reached the epicenter of the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary?"

Everyone was feeling excited!

It did not take long for them to know the answer to this. All of a sudden the blue light at the very top of the stellar stairs began to glow even brightly and it was like a stellar star that was descending!

Only Yi Ping and Xian'Er remained unmoved at the sight of this blue light as they took a quick look at each other at the same time.

Yi Ping thought, "Xian'Er, are you thinking of the same thing as I am? That, it is only the beginning and we are not out of danger yet?"

Xian'Er fingers were upon the hilt of her sword as she thought, "Ping'Er, I hope I am wrong in this but I have an uneasy feeling about this."

She was not going to share her worries to the others lest it would unduly raise an alarm to the rest. She could only pray that she had been wrong!

But her slight movements were noticed by Yu'Er and Mei'Er who were secretly startled. That was because their mistress had a habit; she would never touch her sword unless she had no other choice!

Otherwise, the attention of the rest of the group was focused on the

blue stellar light and what was in view, was now beginning to startle everyone, including Yi Ping and Xian'Er!

That was because beyond the blue stellar light was a shining blue full plate armor and the blue stellar light was actually its aura!

This shining blue plate armor had a reflective white orb in the middle and there were another two white orbs on the sides of its pauldron!

The Divine White Tiger was already moving and turning around excitedly!

Nuwa was the first to gasp, "It is the divine armor of the Great God Pangu!"

She paused before she looked excitingly at Yi Ping, "Yi Ping, that is actually skeleton remains of the Great God Pangu. If you are able to get it then you will also have the golden body of the Great God Pangu!"

All the others were startled when they had heard the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa mentioned that the shining divine armor that was in front of them was actually the remains of the Great God Pangu!

All of a sudden a deep voice that seemed to be resonant from within the blue shining divine armor thundered, "I am Pangu. Welcome to the 100th level of the Stellar Sanctuary..."

Yi Ping and the rest of the group were startled. Indeed, this was the familiar voice of the Great God Pangu which everyone would witness the first time when they had stepped on the 11th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary!

The voice echoed with a rumbling laughter, "So, you have managed to arrive at this final destination. Good, good! I have been waiting for you. But first you have to reach the top of the stairs first to receive my mantle. Can you or can you not? But I must warn you first, it is not going to be easy and even be impossible! You can try or turn back now. The trial starts at your very first step on the stairs! The one that reaches the top will be the next Great God Pangu!"

Everyone was now looking at Yi Ping and they seemed to be hinting to him now, "There is no turning back now."

Alice smiled serenely, "What are you waiting for now?"

Yi Ping was also excited when he had heard the voice of the Great God Pangu once again. But he was also anxious for he had an uneasy feeling. He asked himself, "Is this what I am waiting for all this while?"

He heaved a soft sigh as he felt the presence of the Dark Chaos Lord that was within him, "The Dark Chaos Lord has reached the 100th level but he had failed. Is there a reason, a cause? I need more time to ponder but I am already here..."

The Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy, Aiel and Han Lin noticed that Yi Ping was in a daze and they asked, "Yi Ping?"

Youxue, Yunzi, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Asura and the rest were all looking at Yi Ping too and judging from their moods, they were all trying to contain their excitement!

He nodded to everyone as he smiled, "I just thought of something and is thinking about it."

He mustered his strides, just when he was about to take his first step when Lie Qing and Xian'Er secretly dual whispered at almost the same time to him, "Ping'Er, wait!"

Yi Ping asked secretly, "Yes?"

Alice, Nuwa and Lingfeng who could hear Lie Qing and Xian'Er were now looking at the three of them curiously.

The rest of the group could not hear them but they could see that Yi Ping's lips were moving and knew that he was talking to someone.

Xian'Er immediately whispered, "Qing'Er, you want to say something?"

Lie Qing lit a smile as she whispered in secret to Yi Ping, Xian'Er, Alice, Lingfeng and Nuwa, "I think that Sister Xian'Er and I are probably thinking along the same line. Ping'Er, when you step on the stair, be careful of the others, especially that Great Khan Heavenly King. Remember that the first one to reach the very top will claim the mantle of the Great God Pangu and become the next Great God Pangu."

She winked at Xian'Er as she whispered again, "Sister Xian'Er, is that right? Are you thinking the same as I am?"

Xian'Er smiled as she whispered back, "Qing'Er, you are right."

She paused for a while to look at Yi Ping intently before she whispered in secret, "Ping'Er, you must be wary of the others."

Yi Ping looked at the Great Khan Heavenly King, the Celestial Liege, the Martial Sage and the others before he whispered sadly, "I hope it is not the case."

Xian'Er and Lie Qing had survived for decades in the treacherous martial fraternity and they had seen much, heard much and experienced much. Therefore they were more wary and cautious of the others, even from those that they had known well. In a fraternity that was filled with mistrusts and betrayals, it never pays to trust anyone with blind faith alone.

Yi Ping said aloud as he took the first step on the stairs, "Everyone, be on your guard! We don't know what would be going to happen next!"

No sooner had he taken the first step, the entire stairs exploded into blue flares as the voice of the Great God Pangu resounded with hearty laughter, "Great, you have decided to challenge your destiny. Can you inherit my Essential Righteous Energy and inherit my mantle to be the next Great God Pangu?"

When Yi Ping heard the mention of the Essential Righteous Energy, there was a twitch on his face. It was because he knew all along that he had already inherited the Essential Righteous Energy from the Great God Pangu. He had wanted to ask on numerous occasions, "If it is about receiving the Essential Righteous Energy from the 100th level, then what is the purpose of reaching the 100th level since I am already received it right from the very start? If I am able to receive it, does it mean that the Dark Chaos Lord had also received it right from the very start? Like me, he had reached the very top but he had perished. Why is that so?"

But he had no time to ponder over this now as the dozens of white golem knights that bore the appearance of the divine armor of the Great

God Pangu had suddenly appeared and were now rushing down the stairs!

Ye Yin immediately cried out panicky, "There are thirty-three of them!"

Indeed, they had appeared in a formation of three and were descending in eleven waves!

Yi Ping was startled as he immediately raised his sword to defend himself against three of the white golem knights that had suddenly rushed at him!

These white golem knights were agile and were upon him in a blink of an eye!

There was a thunderous brilliant clash as Yi Ping was forced backward by the white golem knights!

He was startled because his strength now was of the ninth immortal positioning. Moreover these white golem knights were only a head taller than him and they did not appear to be much stronger than him!

He quickly raised his Celestial Alice to strike at the white golem knight that was nearest to him. But no sooner had he aimed at him, the white golem knight had moved its seemingly clumsy large shield at the precise time and position and deflected his strike!

Yi Ping was stunned for this very swift strike of his was with the sanctorum power of the swiftness of the Celestial Alice; he had already estimated the speed and movement of these white golem knights and had attacked through an obvious opening. This was an impossible deflecting reaction. Moreover, the moment the white golem knight had deflected his strike with its shield, Yi Ping could feel a rebounding force much like the Divine Emerald Force that neutralized his strike and forced him back!

Yi Ping turned ashen as he unleashed dozens of sword strokes around him with his two divine swords, "These creatures are able to use the Absolute Defense Force?!"

Nuwa had also turned ashen as her punches were neutralized as she muttered weakly, "Not only that, they are all of the Eighth Immortal Positioning as well!"

Indeed, the foreheads of these white golem knights were now glowing with an eight pointer circle!

The Goddess Aiel was extremely pale as she mustered all her strength only to say out, "This...this is the impossible!..."

Xian'Er slashed with a brilliant slash at the three white golem knights that were nearest to her but to no futile as the three white golem knights as they raised their shields at the same time!

From her ashen expression, everyone could tell that the Celestial Fairy aka the Great Goddess Fantian was anxious as well!

Yi Ping immediately shouted, "Everyone behind me! The stronger ones defend the front while the weaker one support from behind and don't let them break through our lines of defenses!"

But no sooner had Xian'Er, Nuwa, the Jade Emperor, the Western Paradise Heavenly King, Alice, Isa and Asura formed a defensive line, the agile white golem knights had scattered their last ditch defense formation with hundreds of strikes, leaving everyone to fight for their own survival!

Instead of climbing up the stairs to battle the trial, they were back to the square one again and were forced to fight for their own survival in the hallway!

Yi Ping was panicky as he was now the only one that was fighting in front, as the Great Desolate Goddess Nuwa and Xian'Er were forced to retreat several steps away from him, leaving him to face with at least nine white golem knights who were all highly skilled swordsmen that could hold their own against him!

He was extremely pale now. He was not worried for himself but for everyone. He now blamed himself for bring them here. These white golem knights were all eighth positioning fighting automations and he knew that it would not take long for the battle to end; their entire group would perish and even for him, it was impossible for him to handle them alone!

As he fought these white golem knights furiously with his dazzling swordplay, he was also cursing himself, "I am to blame! I am the one that

have taken the first step!...”

# Chapter 233: The Stairway of Heavens

A hundred blinks of an eye had since passed since the white golem knights had spawned and descended into their midst. This was not actually a long while but if time could be measured, that would be less than two minutes time.

Yi Ping was slashing furiously at the white golem knights as golden lights flashed to and fro brilliantly around him. He had taken down two of the white golem knights but he was still being surrounded tightly by many of the white golem knights. There were simply too many of them!

He was not worried for himself but for the rest of his delegates who were with him!

But despite his best efforts to rein in the unstoppable wave of the white golem knights, he had failed to prevent them from overcoming his line of defense!

In just a quick instant, the entire vicinity was filled with brilliant lights and thunderous explosions, as everyone was attacking furiously with all their best martial skills and weapons!

Even though Yi Ping was anxious and panicky for his group but at the same time he was surprising serene within him. How could he have such an extraordinary feeling?

The real question was; how could he feel anxious and serene at the same time? This was such a weird feeling that had surfaced to his mind!

With just a look, he was able to analyze the entire battle field coolly. Even though these white golem knights were extremely formidable but he was still able to see and predict their moves. That was why he was able to get two of them down. Even though he was still being outnumbered but it would be a matter of time if he could get all of them, provided of course that his morale and spirit would not be dealt a blow by the demise of his companions. Every grief, every emotion and every distraction would sap his strength, lengthened the battle and contributed to his injury, his loss of strength and his focus and would cause him to lose the fight, even



causing his own demise.

This type of emotionless analysis was not Yi Ping's true nature of course. But after the three in one merging, he had also awakened the consciousness of the White Sage, the Dark Chaos Lord and the Great God Pangu that were within him.

This cold and hard analysis were the analysis of his three other consciousness!

While he was fighting, he had also taken note of the current state of battle that was raging all around him.

One, the White Divine Tiger and the Golden Kirin Beast were not making a move against the White Golem Knights; it was as though the White Golem Knights were invisible to them!

Two, while the White Golem Knights were extremely formidable and appeared to be highly aggressive, it was weird that Han Lin and Aiel were still holding up against them, even though they were not exactly faring very good, with multiple injuries.

But his observations had hinted to him that while these White Golem Knights were not giving away leeway, their very moves were subtly, even calculated to give a small enough opening for the defenders to prolong the battle until they were no longer be able to put up any resistance!

The question was why!

All of a sudden Yi Ping noticed an opening between the White Golem Knights and this small opening would perhaps allowed him to speed past them and ascend to the top of the stairs where the Divine Armor of the Great God Pangu was!

Xian'Er and Lingfeng had whispered to Yi Ping at almost the same time, "Yi Ping, Ping'Er, there is something amiss here."

Xian'Er fenced off several of the attacks of the surrounding White Golem Knights, taking quick steps back and countering with her Heavenly Tear, before she whispered to Yi Ping. "Lingfeng is right. I feel that something seems amiss here but I can't place a finger to it! Ping'Er,

if you can see an opening, quickly dash up the stairs. That may be our only way out of this.”

Yi Ping could no longer see Lingfeng as she had disappeared under a mushroom burst of explosive force but he could hear her whispering haltingly to him, “That is...exactly my sentiments...too...alas!...”

Alice interrupted them, “Lingfeng, watch out! Don’t fight and talk at the same time. I will watch your back for you!”

Lie Qing was overheard whispering, “These creatures are simply too bothersome.”

Lingfeng was heard, “Thanks my Goddess Alice! Yi Ping, ascend up the stairs if you are able to. These White Golem Knights, something is wrong with them but I cannot place my fingers yet. But it seems that every some time, they were reformed their formation to attack us aggressively. But at the same time, they will be an opening in-between them that can allow someone with a quick swiftness movement to bypass them and to climb up the stairs.”

Yi Ping whispered, “Actually I can see that too.”

Lingfeng whispered with a soft laugh, “Then what are you waiting for? Hurry and save us all or else, experts like Sister Xingyue and Sister Ye Yin will surely fly up to the very top in a hurry.”

Nuwa laughed, “Don’t forget about me too. Hurry up and try to exploit the opening when it appears once again and be our savior. Or else, I am going to be the next savior!”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he whispered, “If the lot of you has noticed this thing, then it won’t escape the notice of the other Heavenly Kings too.”

Lie Qing whispered solemnly, “Ping’Er, you must exercise caution. Something is not right here. I have a weird feeling about this. It is like we are walking into some kind of a trap here.”

Xian’Er said, “I am afraid that this trap is so obvious that we are all blind to it. But what it is then?”

All of a sudden Lele whispered solemnly, “Yi Ping. No matter what you do, don’t move up the stairs. Wait and observe a little longer. Wait for me to give you the signal.”

Her tone was extremely solemn and was worded forcefully!

Everyone was slightly startled for they had never seen Lele this serious before and used such a solemn expression before, not even when they were in the direst situation!

Lie Qing smiled weakly as she whispered, “My goodness, the Joyful Goddess is so serious all of a sudden. I am a little unused to it! Is this the Lele that I know?”

Lingfeng heaved a soft sigh as she thought, “I may think that I am the most intelligent in the group. But in terms of intelligent, Lele is not beneath me. In term of cold calculations, she is also not beneath Yunzi. In terms of cunning, she is also not beneath Lie Qing. Until today, I still can’t fathom her. We have underestimated her...”

It was because she was now observing how Lele fought under the cover of the thick debris as she brought two of the White Golem Knights down. Lele had swung her long scythe, her Divine Echo ambidextrously and her movements were like ghost as she evaded the White Golem Knights!

Lingfeng had suddenly remembered that Lele had spent most of her time sleeping in the coffin while they were in the mortal realm and that her movements improved quicker and her attacks were even more precise after every fight.

She was the only one that could catch up with Yi Ping in terms of such startling improvements...

All of a sudden, Lingfeng had a sudden thought. “Don’t tell me that she is actually a super genius...”

Yi Ping had heard Lele’s warning via their Dual Secret Whisperer but before he could reply Lele, all of a sudden the formation of the White Golem Knights had shifted subtly again and his quick eyes had spotted the opening again!

But instead of exploiting the opening, he shifted his swordplay backward in time to give Yunzi and Han Lin an extra hand as he shouted, “Yunzi, Han Lin, back immediately!”

They were spirited when they had heard his shouts and escaped with light wounds!

At the same time, Yi Ping had displayed the Thousand Memories Swordplay as he sent six flying swords across the entire hall to aid the rest, as his brilliant hovering swords whirled resounding with tremendous impact!

Nuwa was a little upset, “Yi Ping, why didn’t you go up the stairs when you have the chance? Don’t you want to be the savior?!”

It was not that Yi Ping did not want to be the savior or he did not want to save the group. He was totally rooted to where he was for two main reasons!

One, the only person that could stop these White Golem Knights from overwhelming his group was him. If he were to leave where he was then he could not imagine the consequences that would happen. What if these opening had only appeared because he was here as the tank?

Two, his sixth sense was warning him that something was amiss and a heavy heart seemed to be rooting him to the ground.

But he had to make a decision when the opportunity arose and he had decided to aid the others!

Once he did that, his heart became light and his reflexes were even quicker and he had hacked two more White Golem Knights to pieces with the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign!

Xian’Er could have taken the initiative to speed up to the stairs if she wanted to. Her swiftness movement was actually even swifter than Yi Ping. But she did not want to. Yi Ping was the one that she was following and she had trusted him. There were too many times when she had thought that her decisions were the right one but she was wrong. Yi Ping seemingly had the knack to pick the correct decision despite the

overwhelming odds. And this time, she was placing all her trust in his hands!

Nuwa had the opportunity to speed up to the stairs when Yi Ping was on rampage with his flying swords. Despite what she had just said that she would speed up to the stairs, she did not. It was because she was just trying to go up the stairs. But when he did not, she just sighed softly and continued her own fight against the White Golem Knights. She thought, "My heart is with you. I will follow you whenever you go and if you want to oppose the heavens, I will follow you as well!"

Lingfeng had the opportunity as well while Alice and Lie Qing were tanking for her. But she did not want to. The hero of her heart was Yi Ping so naturally she was going to let him be the hero!

As for Alice, she was highly skilled enough to fight and executed her swiftness skill at the same time. But she did not seize the opportunity too. It was because for the very first time she had a purpose, to protect her friends and companions. Aiel, Han Lin, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, Asura, the Goddess Isa and even the Jade Emperor, some of them were her ex-opponents but they were now united as one, fighting on the same side. Her eyes beamed brightly as she thought, "This is real friendship? I have never experienced such emotions..."

As for the rest of the maidens, like the Goddess Asura, the Goddess Isa, the Goddess of Mercy Xiang, the Goddess Aiel, Han Lin, Yunzi, Lie Qing, Yu'Er, Mei'Er, Youxue, Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess and Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix did not even consider it. They were all living for Yi Ping and fighting for each other now!

Some of them were temporary allies and some of them had only met in the Stellar Sanctuary but in their eyes, nothing was nobler than fighting alongside each other. After all, they had been through much together and without each other, they really would not have made it through this far!

Unfortunately, not everyone sees it this way.

The Great Khan Heavenly King had spotted the opening and he had speed for it under the cover of the cloud of debris and thunderous

confusion!

He thought, "This is my chance! This Yi Ping may be strong but he is just a fool! The first one to reach the very top will inherit the mantle of the Great God Pangu. I will be a Supreme God that rules the Three Known Realms! I will make slaves out of them all and erase my humiliation!"

The Martial Sage suffered exceedingly at the hands of these White Golem Knights but he still had enough strength to speed past the White Golem Knights to ascend up the stairs as he thought, "Didn't the Jade Emperor says that I have the potential? That is why he has brought me here. Xian'Er, when I have become the Great God Pangu then you will see the good in me..."

The Formosa Heavenly King, the Nirvana Heavenly Queen, the Heavenly Pagoda King saw the same opening as well and they were thinking, "This is a good opportunity to help everyone. This is a trial and therefore, the first one to reach the top should rightfully be the next Great God Pangu. This is all part of destiny and is not a god given thing!"

The Immortal Saint of Swords was also moved as he thought, "I have been pursuing the highest form of sword art for untold years. Even though I am going to be an immortal soon but that is just the beginning. Right in front of me is the shortcut to the highest attainment. If I can reach it, I can also help the group..."

The Skylord Jun was also thinking, "If I don't do something fast enough then we would all perish! I need to do something for my brothers!"

Among the Immortals, only the Jade Emperor, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Avant-garde Heavenly King and the Western Paradise Heavenly King were not tempted. They had already seen the opening but they were more interested in fighting their own battles!

The Jade Emperor was fighting to protect Yi Si, the Celestial Liege and Ye Ling. He had no mood to pursue power or else why would he have given up his seat of authority to Lele?

The Celestial Liege was Yi Ping's rival. Even though he may not be his

match now but he still had his pride and would only fight Yi Ping on his terms. Moreover, they were now friendly rivals since Yi Ping was also his brother-in-law now!

Was the Universal Old Man tempted at all?

The answer was not at all or rather he did not have any chance to do so. When the battle had erupted, he was momentarily distracted by the beautiful forms of the Goddess Celestial Alice and the Goddess Aiel. In his carelessness, he was knocked unconscious in the very first instant. He was lucky that he had his golden body to protect him against the brutal swords of the White Golem Knights or he would have been killed instantly!

The Lord Supreme, Yu'Er and Mei'Er had formed a protective circle around him as they fought back against the White Golem Knights.

The Lord Supreme was cursing, "Given his poor attainment and concentration, how did he even reach the 100th floor of the Stellar Sanctuary in the first place? Brother, my foot!"

The Lord Supreme, like many others, did not notice that there was an opening as they were fighting for their own lives. These White Golem Knights were after all formidable Eighth Immortal Rank fighters!

All of a sudden there were bursts of light that were centered on the White Golem Knights that caused every single of them to disintegrate!

The group was startled!

Barely had the fight started, it had ended!

Yi Ping looked at his group with a startled expression as the thick debris from the fighting slowly died down. He muttered, "Is everyone alright?"

His keen sense had quickly found the Universal Old Man on the ground but there were a few that were missing!

The Great Khan Heavenly King, the Nirvana Heavenly Queen, the Heavenly Pagoda King, the Formosa Heavenly King, Skylord Jun, the Martial Sage and the Immortal Saint of Swords, seven of them were

missing!

Xian'Er swept a glance at her surroundings, "What is going on?"

Lele pointed up to the stellar blue light on top, "They are there but they are not there."

Suddenly the voice of the Great God Pangu roared thunderously, "You must be wondering where some of you have gone to. You can't see them now. They have climbed the stairs and I have turned them to star dust. Look no further!"

Everyone was stunned!

The Avant-garde Heavenly King was trembling, "My brother, the Formosa Heavenly King...you are gone just like this..."

Yunzi had weeping as she grieved for the Immortal Saint of Swords, "Protégé master..."

Han Lin stuttered with shock, "I didn't see any of them going to the stairs at all..."

Aiel covered her mouth, "It is impossible. It is all a lie...they must be alive..."

Ye Yin the Ascension Goddess said, "They did. I can sense them. But for some reasons, we are not able to see them approaching the stairs. But as soon as they ascended up the stairs, they are all gone at vary height of the stairs. The Great Khan Heavenly King perishes at the bottom while Skylord Jun perishes in the middle."

Yi Ping clenched his fists as he shouted angrily, "Why do you have to do that?!"

The blue stellar light thundered and filled the entire hallway with vibrations, "Because this is a trial of courage and will. Anyone that tries to climb the stairs while the trial is on-going will perish and that includes you."

Nuwa said coldly, "Does that include me as well, Great God Pangu?"

She pointed at Xian'Er, "And the Great Goddess Fantian as well?"



The blue stellar light glowed before thundering, “Even the Great Goddess Nuwa and the Great Goddess Fantian are no exception. Once the trial has started, the impure will be eradicated. The good news is, you have passed the trial and will be able to approach my presence now. I am waiting now for my true successor.”

Yi Ping was trembling lightly as he clenched his swords, “They are all dead now...”

And two of them were his sworn brothers...

The voice thundered, “So what are you waiting for now? I am waiting.”

Everyone was looking now at the long flight of stairs fearfully and with cause!

They had all realized how treacherous this place was!

Lingfeng whispered fearfully, “The Great God Pangu says the first one to reach the top will take his mantle but only if we can reach the very top...”

Lie Qing whispered melancholy, “That is if we can reach the very top and he is challenging us to go up to the very top again...”

Youxue turned to ask Yunzi, “I wonder how many steps are there to the top? Sister Yunzi, can you make a guess?”

Yunzi shook her head, “There are thousands of steps for sure. Maybe it is infinity. I really do not know.”

Lele said quietly, “There are nine thousands, nine hundred and ninety-nine steps before the top. The final step is the tenth thousands step.”

Everyone was astonished!

Yi Ping turned to look at her, “Lele, you can really count the steps?”

Lele nodded slowly, “Indeed!”

The blue stellar light glowed even brighter, “Indeed! There actually exists someone who can count the Stairway of Heavens?!”

Lele looked at the reflection of her Divine Echo as she hummed softly, “What is so difficult about that at all? Everyone can do it.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at Lele, thinking. “Only you are able to do that...”

Lele looked up to the blue stellar light as she hummed softly, “So beautiful...”

She narrowed her eyes as she suddenly turned hostile, “I am the Great Joyful Empress Goddess of the Three Known Realms, the Alma of the Great God Pangu. I know that you are not the manifestation of the Great God Pangu. So what are you? Why are you making a game out of us? Who and what exactly are you?”

She pointed at Yi Ping to say, “The real Great God Pangu is already here. So what are you?”

Everyone was startled.

The Goddess Isa was perplexed as she looked at Aiel, Alice, Asura and the rest, “Surely that is the Great God Pangu?”

Xian’Er and Nuwa both said at the same time, “That is not the Great God Pangu.”

Nuwa added, “Because the real Great God Pangu will not hurt the Great Goddess Fantian or me. I should have guessed earlier!”

The blue stellar light blinked brilliantly. A melody voice resonated, “Isn’t it a little too late now?”

# Chapter 234: The Divine Stellar Light

Yi Ping was alarmed as he asked, "Just what are you?"

The blue stellar light blinked and resonated with a soft hymn, "Do you really want to know? There is a price to pay for knowledge."

The Goddess Isa hummed coldly, "Shut the crap and reveal yourself."

The blue stellar light blinked and echoed, "I am here."

The Goddess Isa was startled, "Huh? What do you mean?"

Yi Ping said quietly, "Indeed. It is there. This is its energy manifestation and this energy manifestation is the Universal Creation Force!"

The blue stellar light glowed brilliantly, "You have finally recognized me."

Alice and Asura were looking at each other as they gasped at the same time, "This is the Universal Creation Force? It is a living entity?"

Like everyone else, Nuwa was also startled. She looked into the blinking light as she said. "How is it possible?"

Lele said quietly, "I sense an immeasurably sadness in there..."

Xian'Er nodded, "And a deep sense of regret..."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as he sheathed his swords...

Ye Yin, Yu'Er and Mei'Er who had acute senses were perplexed. Their seventh senses were supernaturally sharp but why did they not sense anything?

What they did not know was that Yi Ping, Yixian and Lele were judging by the blinking of the stellar light. Somehow, they felt an attunement to it and could read its emotional state through the blinking!

Yi Ping said, "If your solo purpose is only me alone then let it end now. I will be the only person that will climb this stair."

The stellar light answered, "If you have the courage and if your group is willing, you may try then."

Yi Ping turned to his group and heaved heavily, "Let me go up alone."

Yu'Er said panicky, "Master Yi, you are really going up? It is so dangerous!"

Mei'Er nodded as she grabbed his sleeve, "We don't know what to expect from there!"

She turned to Yixian the Celestial Fairy, "Mistress! You are really letting him go up there?"

Xian'Er answered gently, "It is for Yi Ping alone to decide."

Yi Ping turned to the group and said gently, "Everyone, I think that I have finally discovered the true reality of the Stellar Sanctuary but in order to prove it, I must go up on my own."

Everyone was gasping softly as they looked at each other...

The Celestial Liege laughed, "Let's go up together. I am not afraid!"

Yi Ping smiled and said gently, "That won't do. That is because anyone that goes up that stair will surely die. It doesn't matter how powerful you are."

The Ancient Heavenly Sage King looked at the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess before he asked, "We will all die except for you?"

Yi Ping nodded as he trembled lightly, "Everyone with no exception. Maybe even for me. I am not sure. I am actually gambling."

Lele flashed Yi Ping a dangerous look, "Then let's us leave now!"

Yi Ping shook his head as he looked at the Goddess Celestial Alice, "Then I won't know why the Dark Chaos Lord died at the very end. I need to know."

Alice looked at him as she pursed her lips, "Don't do it at the cost of your life..."

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he smiled at her, "Ziyan, Alice...it is not just for you..."

He also stole a secret glance at Isa, who lowered her head shyly. "It is

for everyone.”

He looked at the Western Paradise Heavenly King, the Jade Emperor, the Ancient Heavenly Sage King, the Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess, the Celestial Liege and the Lord Supreme, “Thank you for accompanying me in this journey. You must know that I desire not to be the Great God Pangu when I request for everyone to let me climb the stair alone. It is because the entity in front of us, is trying to tempt everyone to climb the stairs. If you go up, you will surely perish!”

The Western Paradise Heavenly King looked at Yixian and Yi Ping, “Great Goddess Fantian and Great God Pangu, I do not desire to take the mantle of the Great God Pangu but can I know why? I am a little dense to figure out why.”

In his heart, the Western Paradise Heavenly King had already acknowledged Yi Ping as the Great God Pangu and what he had said was the truth.

The Sacred Embodied Heavenly Goddess smiled, “Same here!”

Yi Ping said, “Because all along, it is waiting for me. Only the one with the Essential Righteous Energy can approach the stairs or else the Creation Universal Force will surely overwhelm the practitioner. Its solo purpose is to tempt all of you into your own demise.”

Everyone was startled...

Yi Ping added, “The trials won’t end unless everyone else is dead!”

Nuwa murmured, “This...lucky I did not fly up the stairs!”

Everyone was nodding!

Actually, everyone that was left now had no desire to compete with Yi Ping or thought that they would be the chosen one. Precisely no one, that was why they would allow Yi Ping to ascend the stairs!

They were simply being worried for his safety!

Yi Ping smiled as he made his first step on the stair, looking back at everyone. “Don’t worry for me. I will surely return!”

All the maidens that loved him rushed to his back immediately as they prayed for him!

“Ping’Er...”

“Yi Ping!...”

“Master Yi Ping...”

Before long, Yi Ping had reached the 100th steps and he had struck a barrier of impassable windforce that was hindering him!

But still he persisted and every step that he had taken, he felt a mounting pressure that seemed to crush him!

By the time he had reached the 500th step, his legs were already shaking!

And there were 9500 more steps more!

Every step that he had taken, the mounting pressure would only increase!

By the time he had taken the 1000th step, he was already perspiring and he felt as though his chest would burst at any time!

He was shaking and thought, “If I give up now, then I will surely perish as well! I must not give up!”

At the bottom, he could still hear everyone urging him on and calling his name!

Lingfeng, Alice, Lele, Xian’Er, Nuwa and Lie Qing were whispering to him and urging him on!

Their voices had become withdrawn because of the distance and all his focuses were only on taking the next one step, moving from one golden step to the other!

By the time he had climbed to the 3000th step, he could no longer hear from any of his group and after a while he was too tired to count anymore!

He had only one goal in his mind; to reach to the very top where the

blinking light was!

The powerful windforce was pressing onto him like a pressuring wall that threatened to sweep him down the stairs despite the fact that he was already mustering all his strength, even drawing on the sanctorum strength of his divine swords!

When he had reached to the middle of the stairs, very step that he had taken was so heavy that it was like he was fighting against his very own Thousand Weight Fall!

He did not know the passage of time but it seemed like an eternal time had passed before his thoughts were interrupted by the familiar voice of the blue stellar light, "You have reached the very top."

When Yi Ping had lifted his eyes, he was looking straight at the blue stellar light and straight at the glowing animus of the Divine Pangu Armor.

Only sheer force of will had prevented him from collapsing on the platform!

He mustered all his wobbly strength to gasp out, "Who are you?..."

The blue stellar light reverberated, "Who am I? You have come all the way to ask me this? You should be concerned about the ultimate prize first."

Everyone below could hear the reverberating voice of the blue stellar light but they were not able to hear Yi Ping so naturally they did not know what Yi Ping had said to provoke the blue stellar light to answer in this manner!

Yi Ping answered breathlessly as he struggled to stay on his feet, "Who are...you?"

The blue stellar light blinked, "You will have your answers very soon. Reach out to receive the Creation Universal Force, receive the mantle of the Great God Pangu and you will be transmigrated to the Great Beyond. Or alternatively you can leave with your group. Either way, the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary will end."

Yi Ping murmured, "Transmigrate to the Great Beyond? But the conflicts between the Immortal Realm and the Desolate Immortals have not ended..."

The blinking stellar blue light resonated, "This conflict is of no consequence to you. You will be the Great God Pangu, future Lord of the Six Realms."

Yi Ping stared at the blinking stellar light before he laughed aloud. His laughter was so loud that even those who were below were able to hear him!

He asked firmly, "What exactly are you?"

The blinking stellar blue light flared before resonating, "This matters not. You now have a rare chance that not everyone will have. Make a choice now."

Yi Ping stared blankly at the blue stellar light before he muttered, "Such sorrow in you..."

But all of a sudden, he shook his robe as he turned back. He had taken a step down the stair before the blinking stellar light resonated, "You are leaving? After all the effort that you have put to overcome the trials of the Stellar Sanctuary and to reach this very point?"

The group that was below was all gasping and was startled as well, even though they could not hear Yi Ping!

They had heard the blue stellar light said, "You are leaving..." and that Yi Ping had indeed turned around!

Disbelief greeted everyone below as incessant murmuring broke out immediately!

Yi Ping sighed softly, "I know I am stupid, am I right? But I cannot leave my companions. Even though I know that I may not have this chance again. Even though I know that no matter how hard I cultivate, I can never ascend to the Great Beyond. Even though I know that the Practitioners of the Way have to be emotionless in their seven sentiments and six desires in order to cultivate oneself with the Heavens, in order to



be an immortal being but I can't do that..."

He paused briefly but there was none the sadness in him, "All I know is that I cannot abandon my companions. I cannot abandon the love that is in my heart. I would rather face the severe consequences of the divine calamities and the six cycles of afflictions than leaving them. I have no regrets at all."

With a wryly smile, he took another step down the stair as he said, "I have sworn to protect them always."

This time round, his heart felt extremely light and he was exuberated!

All of a sudden his surroundings turned dark and Yi Ping was startled to find himself sucked into a whirling black hole!

The gravity that was being exhibited by this whirling black hole was extremely intense and was tearing him apart!

Yi Ping only thought was, "Where am I?!"

As he was being sucked into the black hole, the crushing pressure was so intense that he could feel his entire bones were cracking and breaking!

But Yi Ping being himself, he was not one to give up without a single fight!

The Ninth Immortal Positioning on his forehead intensified as he struggled with all his faltering strength!

He yelled aloud, "I am not afraid of death but I am not going to die here!...I still have important persons to protect...they are going to need me...I cannot allow them to grief for me!..."

All of a sudden a blue sun rose from the horizon of the whirling black hole, accompanied by thousands of stars...

Instead of feeling the intense pressure that he had felt earlier, now he was serene and was like a feather that was floating on the whirling black hole!

As he looked around him, he was startled to see the apparition of the Divine Pangu Armor that was on him!

He gasped out as the Divine Pangu Armor slowly vanished, “Why is going on?”

The familiar voice of the blue stellar light was heard, “You have now inherited the mantle of the Great God Pangu and the Divine Pangu Armor is now part of you. In time to come, you will awaken to the Tenth Immortal Positioning.”

Yi Ping was startled, “But I didn’t say anything about inheriting the mantle of the Great God Pangu?”

The blinking blue stellar light appeared over him and said, “Should you choose to inherit the Great God Pangu’s mantle, we won’t be talking now, just like that someone from long ago.”

Yi Ping was jolted!

He immediately shouted, “The Dark Chaos Lord! What had happened to him?...”

The blinking stellar light responded by showing an illusion...

A handsome man in black was seen stepping triumphantly on the top of the platform where the Divine Pangu Armor was and on his back was the Celestial Alice Divine Sword!

He was heard saying, “As destiny wills, I know that I am the destined one. Hereof, I will take the mantle of the Great God Pangu and be the next Great God Pangu!”

As he touched the divine blue light of the Divine Pangu Armor, he was first turned to a golden animus before he was dissipated into bits of golden dust!

Yi Ping was shocked as he muttered, “The Dark Chaos Lord, he had perished just like this...”

The blinking stellar light resonated, “That was your first reincarnation. He had made it all the way but he had failed in the end.”

Yi Ping was trembling and his voice was hoarse. It was because the shock of watching the Dark Chaos Lord turned into nothingness was as

though he was watching his own death!

The blinking stellar light said, “You do not need to grieve for yourself. You have finally made it.”

Yi Ping was silent for a while before he asked, “You are the Stellar Sanctuary?”

The blinking stellar light glowed brilliantly, “I am the Stellar Sanctuary. Now that you have inherited the true mantle of the Great God Pangu, I am not surprise that you know now.”

Yi Ping said with trembling voice, “I don’t want to go to the Great Beyond. I want to protect my companions. Didn’t you say that I am free to go? Why is it possible that I have passed the trial while the Dark Chaos Lord had failed?”

The blinking stellar blue light responded, “Your great love for the others enable that.”

Yi Ping murmured, “My great love?”

The stellar blue light resonated, “Indeed. You have no desires for power but only seek to end the trial because you desire to protect all your loves. Only great love can arouse the Creation Universal Force or else it will only lead to self-destruction. Your first reincarnation receives the Creation Universal Force but he was not able to contain it, therefore he was consumed by it.”

Yi Ping was startled, “He was consumed by the Creation Universal Force?...”

The stellar blue light resonated, “Consumed entirely. Even the Great God Pangu was not able to contain the Creation Universal Force and he was consumed by it.”

Yi Ping was stunned, “Even the Great God Pangu?”

The stellar blue light reverberated, “Only you are able to contain the Universal Creation Force and only you are able to attain to the true Tenth Immortal Positioning!”

Yi Ping had a sudden revelation as he panicky said, “I am absorbing you?! You are the source of the Creation Universal Force? No, wait! You will put an end to yourself in this manner!”

It was because he had suddenly remembered that the Great God Pangu had discovered the Creation Universal Force after he had laid hands on an ancient desolate artefact, the Stellar Sanctuary!

The stellar blue light responded, “It is exactly as you have said. Do not feel sad. A spark of me will be revived in my chosen successor. She will be your Alma and she will be your Mirror of Transmigration to the Great Beyond in my stead.”

Immediately memories of the Unchained Melody and the Flower of Life flashed into Yi Ping, invoking the image of Lele in him!

It was not a coincident of her good luck; Lele was the chosen successor of the Stellar Sanctuary!

Her pureness was the chosen vessel of the Stellar Sanctuary!

And Lele was his conduit!

As Yi Ping received the Creation Universal Force, he could sense a powerful awakening of his mind!

He had glimpsed into the Great Attractor, a black core with the gravitational force equivalent to a million billion suns in which all the cosmos rotated around it!

And he saw the Three Known Realms of the Mortal Mundane Realm, the Celestial Realm and the Ninth Heavens Immortal Realm!

Hanging on the inverted plane of the Three Known Realms were the Three Invisible Realms of the Desolate Realm, the Spatial Realm and the Great Beyond!

He was now flying through the vast plains of the Desolate Realm and was astonished to see hundreds of floating citadels. On the vast plains were vast movements of beasts and men, tens of thousands of them. They were moving gigantic blocks of stones below and were building dozens of

fortifications!

As he passed through two lofty peaks, he saw a floating citadel that was of immense gigantic size and it was even larger than the dome of the Stellar Sanctuary!

He knew instinctively that this was the Ancient Fortress of the Desolate Immortals that was cast to the Desolate Realm!

He knew that soon he would be flying out of the Desolate Realm, into the Spatial Realm and finally to the Great Beyond!

All of a sudden a bright light greeted him and time seemed to have slowed down!

It became so slow that he had some trouble to adjust to it but he knew that this was the correct norm instead. That was only because he had been flying so rapidly!

“Who is that? Who are you?”

Yi Ping felt a throbbing headache and when he looked up, he saw a scantily dressed heavenly maiden, with long flowing green hair and scarlet eyes that was greeting him. Behind her was a gigantic blue dragon!

He was startled at the sight of the gigantic blue dragon as he took several steps backward!

Instinctively, he had unsheathed his two beaming divine swords!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden flashed her whip, lashing it with a frightening thunderous explosive force as she said coldly, “I repeat myself again for the last time. Who are you? Why is that I have never seen you before? I have thought that it is a shooting star but it seems that it is actually a person!”

She smiled coldly, “You are an escaped slave? An escaped slave that have dared to steal two divine swords! How audacious are you!”

Yi Ping was stupefied!

It was because he had thought that he was ascending to the Great

Beyond, only to be interrupted by someone!

He smiled weakly, "I don't know exactly what is going on but maybe I should be grateful to you."

He did not want to ascend to the Great Beyond and was glad that he was interrupted. But that was something that he did not want to say aloud!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was enraged as she lashed her whip at Yi Ping, which immediately caused whipping explosions to burst out!

And to her astonished surprise, Yi Ping had emerged harmlessly even though she had lashed a dozen strokes in a blink of an eye!

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, "Can we talk first?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was blinking her eyes in astonishment before she asked, "You are one of us?"

Yi Ping forced himself to tell a white lie, "I have scarlet eyes and so have you. So what do you think? So we can talk?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden lowered her whip cautiously as she nodded lightly...

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All of a sudden, the scantily dressed heavenly maiden flipped her long whip and lashed at Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled as he quickly skipped backward, "Maiden, why did you attack me?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden hummed coldly as she rippled the air with explosive lashes before lashing her whip at Yi Ping, "That is because you are a liar!"

Yi Ping flipped backward while blocking her attack with the Celestial Alice at the same time. Judging by the martial force that had struck his sword, he estimated that she was at least of the Seventh Immortal Positioning but she was nowhere near to the combat finesse of Alice and Isa.

All of a sudden he caught the reflection of his face on the Celestial Alice and he was startled. He thought, "My eyes are golden? I have thought that after I have attained to the Eighth Positioning, it have already turned scarlet?"

Immediately, he realized what was going on. His physical body was still in the Stellar Sanctuary and that his soul had flown out to explore the realms. He had heard that the soul body had only a third of the strength of the real self. So it was no wonder that he could only exercise a third of his strength.

Therefore no wonder his scarlet eyes had reverted to gold. Does it mean that he was actually weaker than her?

Yi Ping was still trying to cope with what was going on as he thought, "When I have awakened to the Tenth Positioning, my mind is also trying to fathom the realities of the Six Realms at the same time. So this isn't the reality and I should quickly return to my body but why am I experiencing pain? Is it because it is related to the ability of the Tenth Positioning to fathom the surreal space?"

All of a sudden the scantily dressed maiden changed her strokes and whipped him hard, sending him to smash against the cliff with a thunderous impact!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden hummed coldly, "What a tough body. You didn't get slice into halve by my whip!"

Yi Ping rubbed his face as he coughed out weakly, "You are not so tough after all..."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden displayed three looping lashes at Yi Ping in a blink of an eye as she cried out, "I will like to see if you are able to be so arrogant after this!"

Yi Ping naturally was not prepared to be killed by her so he acted on his instinct as he flashed past her three lashes in a blink of an eye, "Then forgive me for being rude..."

He had dodged past her attacks and was upon her in the next instant, startling her with his speed!

But before he could swing his swords at her, the blue dragon at her back had suddenly slammed him flat on the ground with a thunderous explosive outburst!

Yi Ping had clearly seen the incoming attack but his reaction was a little slow and hence he was struck fatally!

If he was back in his physical body then he would surely have avoided the attack!

Just as he was groaning in misery under the giant claw of the blue dragon, the scantily dressed heavenly maiden had stepped on his face as she said coldly, "Really, this is too easy. I am expecting you to do much better than this!"

Yi Ping's face was reddened, not from embarrassment of his failure but because he was looking at her revealing underneath!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden saw his redden face and she smirked, "So you are angry now? You should be because I am now



thrashing you under my foot! Beg me for mercy, will you?"

He struggled to get up with all his strength but the weight of the dragon claw was too firm and heavy!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden said, "So you are a rare human that has managed to awaken as Gold Eyes. Not the first or the last but your resistance is futile against us. A slave is just a slave. In our eyes, you are just like filthy animals. I will gorge your eyes out. After your sight is healed, I will gorge your eyes again and again..."

Yi Ping was moved to anger by her words. He felt his strength doubled as his rage boiled and with a shout, he had grabbed her foot and had pulled her down before giving her a tight slap!

He shouted angrily at her, "Your heart is too vicious!"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was outrage as she found herself under Yi Ping's arm as she cursed venomously, "You animal! Let go of me, now!"

All of a sudden she was startled, "Your eyes..."

Yi Ping loosened his grip on her a little when he had noticed that she was not struggling anymore. He asked coldly, "What about my eyes? I have already known that you look down on golden eyes..."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden quickly said, "Your eyes have turned scarlet..."

Yi Ping could not see his own eyes so he answered coldly, "So?"

He had not realized that his eyes had indeed turned scarlet again when he was moved to anger. In that very instant, he had regained another third of his strength, doubling his current strength!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden said quietly, "How about you let me go and I ask my divine beast to let you go?"

Yi Ping looked at her coldly but he was soon guilty because he could sense that her animosity seemed to have vanished all of a sudden. So he said, "Only if you agree to let go of me first."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden nodded as she called out, "My Divine Asper, let go of him."

The blue dragon roared thunderously before it reluctantly lifted his claw that was upon Yi Ping.

Yi Ping quickly got on his foot and at the same time, he had let go of the scantily dressed heavenly maiden.

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden smiled wryly as she raised her whip, "Courageous indeed. Now we are even but you are now outnumbered two to one. Do you think that you still have a chance now?"

When Yi Ping saw her smiles and her glance that were upon him, he trembled a little. That was because he was most afraid when a maiden were to give him such a lingering look. He said quickly, "You can try but this time I won't be careless again."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden smiled mysteriously, "Do you dare to come to my abode?"

Yi Ping thought, "Maybe she knows that she is not able to overcome me and is setting me up for an ambush? If I were to flee now, she may not be able to catch up with me."

There was a hint of hesitation in his eyes. It was because he was very good in accepting challenges. Even though he knew that he was now in the company of dangerous foes, he was not afraid. Sometimes he wondered himself if he knew the meaning of fear.

But for a person that had been wounded grievously quite a number of times and was still unafraid of death, he was actually standing on a higher level of pinnacle than most of his opponents. It was not to say he was foolish but he was overcome by his great appetite for martial knowledge!

Now that he had expanded his dimension of thoughts to the fourth dimension, he was able to see through his own strength and weakness, just like an observer that was viewing himself. He was exceptional good in fighting since he was young. He may be inexperienced when he had

first made contact with the real Martial Fraternity but his indomitable will to learn was all too overwhelming. He had the guts to fight stronger foes. In reality, he had already attained the Martial Unifying Level (See Chapter 7), enabling him to remember all his opponents and moves.

His only problem was that sometimes his own body would not catch up with his mind!

That was also why the same moves would not work twice against him!

That was also why all his other consorts were all secretly alarmed that Yi Ping seemed to be picking up their skills rapidly and learning their own tricks. Therefore, they were unwilling to spar with him and had secretly stayed a hand or two!

That was why if the scantily dressed heavenly maiden and the blue dragon were to attack him at the same time, he would already have readied a counterattack. Moreover, he had already regained another third of his strength!

After Yi Ping had further attained the Martial Unifying Theorem (See Chapter 186), his martial achievements had become more and more outrageous; he was inventing and evolving new extraordinary martial strokes on the spot to combat his opponents!

The Creation Universal Force that he had just absorbed had pushed his immortal positioning from the ninth to the mystical tenth level.

He was only the second person to have reached the Tenth Immortal Positioning after the Great God Pangu. Or rather, he was simply chasing after his own shadow; this was the actually the second time that he had reached the Tenth Immortal Positioning!

Because of this, when the scantily dressed heavenly maiden had interrupted his ascension to peek into the Great Beyond, he had also reached a new level of martial visualization. He was able to see himself on the move just like an observer. Naturally, he was also able to observe his opponent too!

Now that was something very difficult to imagine but that was exactly

his level of martial attainment now!

That was why he was not afraid of this scantily dressed heavenly maiden and the blue dragon. He had already nailed their movements down and had formed one conclusion; he was still able to overcome them even though he had just two-third of his strength left!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden asked again, "Are you afraid?"

Yi Ping did not reply to her. It was because a perplexing thought had just crossed into his mind; a hidden sense of a great danger that was within!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden smiled wryly, "So you are really afraid..."

All of a sudden, her eyes flashed emotionally as she raised her voice, "Hey! Are you even listening?"

Yi Ping was startled by her and promptly replied, "Why should I be afraid?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden smiled as she finally got his attention, "Naturally you shouldn't be at all. I won't eat you up even though I am curious about you. Why did you have gold eyes earlier and now you have scarlet eyes?"

Yi Ping looked at the reflection of his swords and saw that his eyes were indeed scarlet again. He could only smile weakly, "I don't know either!"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was looking at him curiously, "Are you from the borderlands? I have never seen you around before."

She paused for a while, "How silly I am. You must be or else you won't be able to get your hands on not one divine sword but two. It must have taken you ages to collect them. But are you sure you are able to wield two divine swords well? Why not give one of your divine swords to me?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "Why should I give you my divine sword?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden muttered softly, "That is because tomorrow, I am going to be consort to the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan!"

She smiled as her eyes beamed with happiness, "Do you know him?"

Yi Ping was alarmed. How could he not know? The Great Rift God Xuan Yuan was an ninth immortal positioning Great Desolate Immortal!

He nodded, "Yes, I do..."

She laughed softly, "Naturally you do. Everyone does. He is one of the most powerful lords here. It is every goddess' desire to be his consort!"

Yi Ping quickly bowed with his hands, "Then congratulations!"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was startled as she flew her whip at him almost immediately!

Yi Ping was startled and he dodged just in the nick of time as he shouted, "Why did you attack all of a sudden!"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden flushed with anger and said, "Then why did you show me that rude gesture?"

Yi Ping was perplexed as he thought, "What rude gesture? I was merely congratulating her..."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden said coldly, "How dare you try to take liberties with me! You are lucky that I am in a good mood today or else I will tear you to pieces now. Tomorrow, I will be the goddess of goddesses and will be the consort to the Lord God Xuan Yuan..."

Yi Ping quickly protested, "I know, you will be..."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden said icily, "You know? Then how dare you suggesting that I will be joined to you?"

Yi Ping was a little perplexed, "What do you mean by joined to you?"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was blushing as she mocked bitterly, "If you want me to join you in the bed chambers, it is already too late. I will be joined to the Lord God Xuan Yuan tomorrow. You look like a decent person but you are too full of indecency. If you have such a need, I can give you a few pleasure slaves from my holdings tonight."

Yi Ping was flustering as he thought awkwardly, "Does it mean that

when I join my hands together, it actually mean just a thing? Alas, I can't cleanse myself now that I have plunged into the Yellow River..."

All of a sudden the scantily dressed heavenly maiden said melancholy as she lowered her eyes, "The Great Prophetess once said to me that I am destined to be the consort to the Lord of Lords. To this end, I have been trying very hard to reach the Eighth Immortal Positioning. It is only because only an Eighth Immortal Positioning Goddess is fit to be a consort to the Lord of Lords and can be joined to him. But now..."

She paused for a while but did not seem like she was willing to continue...

Yi Ping could sense a great sorrow in her and he was curious. So he asked, "But now what?"

But he quickly felt he was being too rude so he hurriedly said, "You don't have to tell me..."

But the scantily dressed heavenly maiden said quietly, "But now I have met him..."

She lingered for some time before saying melancholy, "The Great Prophetess had divined that I will meet him in a most unexpected circumstance and that he will have both gold and scarlet eyes..."

She looked up suddenly and stared at Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, "Why is she looking at me like this? Surely she is not referring to me?"

She said slowly as she emphasized, "Tomorrow is the day of my ascension as a Great Goddess. I will be the consort to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan. My destiny is to the Lord of Lords and not to a nobody like you. That is my predestined fate. Do you understand?"

Yi Ping observed her carefully and did not know what to reply. It was as though she was emphasizing to herself and not to him...

He sighed softly to himself as he looked at the strange heavens that were above him as he thought, "So this is the Desolate Realm. I have

heard from the Lady Nuwa that it always the same heavens. One half of the Desolate Realm is always under the eternal night while the another half is always under the scorching sun...”

“What do we have here? Two lovers basking under the stars?” A cold voice said suddenly from the top of the mountain ledge.

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden immediately turned ashen while Yi Ping was startled by the stranger that could approach near him without alarming him!

He quickly looked up and saw a refined man in a finery garb standing loftily above them, his malevolent had suddenly flared into a terrifying presence!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden stumbled for words, “Great Lord... Xuan Yuan, I...no...it isn't what it seems...”

Yi Ping was even more startled as he thought, “So that is the Great Lord Xuan Yuan? What fearsome aura that he has got there!”

He had been forewarned of two Great Desolate Immortals. They were the Great Rift God Xuan Yuan who had elevated his Desolate Force to the Annihilate Force and the World Ruler Fu Xi who possessed the Great Desolate Force!

He took a glance at the scantily dressed heavenly maiden before he said quickly, “Don't misunderstand. I am new to this place and we have only just met!”

All of a sudden this Great Lord Xuan Yuan had flashed on top of him as he brandished a long blade!

There was a mighty thunderous impact as bright red hues flashed between them as Yi Ping raised his Celestial Alice to block the attack with one hand!

At the same time Yi Ping had raised the Fantian Sovereign Sword to return a counterattack, with a flurry of upward slashes!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan turned his blade immediately and knocked

the upward slashes with his palm that imploded the air with another series of explosive forces!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden moved back several steps as she gasped, "This is the Annihilating Force of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan! It is so mighty!..."

She had expected that Yi Ping would crumble under the mighty divine force that had just been unleashed by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan but to her startled astonishment, Yi Ping had not only tank the sudden attack unscathed but he was actually retaliating against the Great Lord Xuan Yuan as a dozen other strokes were exchanged and their immediately radius were exploding continuously by their martial strokes!

She stared in disbelief at Yi Ping as she murmured, "Who is he? Good heavens! I have never seen anyone that can hold up to Great Lord Xuan Yuan. He is not for real when we have fought earlier?"

She gasped all of a sudden because the Great Lord Xuan Yuan were now surrounded by a red animus, an indication that he was releasing the true strength of his Annihilating Force!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said coldly as he unleashed three more rolling impact explosive waves, each of his waves was like a titanic hammer that exploded thunderous, "This is my divine blade, Unregrettable. Rest in peace."

Yi Ping moved back three steps as he mustered six shimmering hovering discs before he jumped forward with his divine swords, imploding the first two rolling exploding waves with a piercing thrust of the Celestial Alice and slashing the third rolling exploding wave with the Fantian Sovereign!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan lifted his eyes to stare coldly at Yi Ping, "You can dissipate my Annihilating Force?"

Yi Ping had used all his martial strength to muster the Golden Invincible Force. At his current strength, this was the maximum golden discs that he could muster!



He gasped to himself, "What a frightening force that this guy possesses. To say that this is his true strength is really an underestimation. He has barely even got serious yet!"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said haughtily, "I have only utilized my Annihilating Force to the third level. There are altogether ninth level to my Annihilating Force. Usually, this level is good enough for most except for you."

Yi Ping raised his two divine swords in a combative stance as he replied coolly, "Indeed, indeed. Why don't you try harder?"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said coldly, "Do you know why you must die today?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "This is because you have seen something you shouldn't have. But I can tell you this, you are mistaken. We have only just met!"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan replied coldly, "Indeed I have seen something that I shouldn't have but you are also mistaken."

He looked at the scantily dressed heavenly maiden to say coldly, "To me, she is just a plaything, just like the mortals. I can even give her away if I so desire. The reason why you must die is because you have the Fantian Sovereign Sword."

Yi Ping glanced at his shimmering white sword, "You know my sword? Just because of my sword, I must die?"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan answered coldly, "Indeed. The Fantian Sovereign Sword belongs to our sworn enemy, the Great God Pangu. This sword shouldn't be here at all!"

He stared at Yi Ping before answering, "Anyone that is possession of that sword is naturally to be utterly eradicated from existence. It doesn't matter who you are."

Yi Ping tapped the Celestial Alice gently to the ground and lifted the Fantian Sovereign lightly as he exclaimed coolly, "I am Yi Ping. This golden sword is the Celestial Alice while this white sword is the Fantian

Sovereign. I don't intend to be killed by you though. But if you are to be killed by me, then you should very well know who I am and the names of my swords!"

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden stared in disbelief at Yi Ping, scarcely believing what she had just heard!

Because she was at the Eighth Immortal Positioning, she was able to tell that Yi Ping was only a Seventh Immortal Positioning Immortal and he was now challenging a Ninth Immortal Positioning Immortal!

But somehow she was unsure if she was right about Yi Ping's immortal positioning. It was because if he was really a Seventh Positioning Immortal, he would have already been killed by now!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan answered coldly as he raised his divine blade, "You didn't understand the disparity between the two of us, didn't you? Then very well, you can go meet your maker soon!"

# Chapter 236: The Creation Universe Force

Yi Ping and the Great Lord Xuan Yuan were slashing furiously at each other, swinging dozens of displays rapidly, their furious thunderous clashes in their red, white and golden hues were flashing dazzling in all directions!

But what was the most astonishing thing was that they had not moved three steps from their fighting positions as they evaded at dazzling speed!

They were fighting with dazzling lethal strokes and with grim determination, refusing to back off from each other's powerful techniques as they took direct damage from it!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was stunned at the sight of their duel!

She could barely even comprehend their fighting speed as she gasped in disbelief, "This is really a duel of the expert of the experts, a fight between the geniuses. Who is this Yi Ping? What is his title? Why did he have the sword of the Great God Pangu who is our mortal foe..."

As Yi Ping blocked with his swords and Golden Invincible Force to catch up with the pace of his opponent's killing strokes, he had an inspiration. "Why don't I channel my Golden Invincible Force as an offensive force? Can it be done?"

Without a moment to lose, he had channeled two hovering golden discs to each of the tip of his divine swords with the sheer will of his Divine Revelation and he had mustered the martial force of the Martial Emperor Unifying Force, causing his air to be surrounded with shimmering sparks!

The Golden Invincible Force was an inertia protective force that would offer protection and enhance his martial strength but to channel it to his divine swords, its powers could quickly dissipate or weakened. Therefore Yi Ping had thought of using the Martial Emperor Unifying Force to reunify the martial forces of the Golden Invincible Force and the Martial Emperor Unifying Force together!

No sooner had Yi Ping done that, the tips of his divine swords exploded into a thunderously golden light that suddenly increased the martial power of his strokes by an extraordinary three folds!

And the might of this new technique was even more powerful if he was to use the Ultimate Heavens Encompassing Stroke and Asper Divinity combined but at a much lesser drain rate!

He had lost no time to muster new golden discs to replace the dissipated ones to the tips of his golden swords once more!

The Celestial Alice seemed to be exuberated by this new technique that it began to reverberate soundly as golden rainbow halo hues surrounded it, imploding the Annihilating Force like a shield around Yi Ping and causing the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to be startled!

It was because the imploding strength of the Celestial Alice had suddenly increased so much that it had even exceeded that of the Fantian Sovereign!

The sanctorum powers of the Celestial Alice had further enhanced the power of this new technique that was just invented by Yi Ping!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan regained his composure quickly as the intensive of his Annihilating Force was doubled as he pushed his Annihilating Force from the sixth level to the ninth level in the next instant. He shouted through the deafening martial implosions, "You didn't think that you are able to defeat me just like this? I am expecting you to do better than this!"

Yi Ping could feel an overwhelming force had suddenly appeared as the ground beneath kept collapsing. He shouted back as another dozen of strokes were exchanged in a blink of an eye, "I don't think it is easy but you don't intimidate me at all!"

But he was secretly alarmed!

It was because the pain that he had been receiving had suddenly increased several folds and his body did not seem to be responding as well as before!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was stunned this time because the Great Lord Xuan Yuan had actually his Annihilating Force to the ninth level. Now the ninth level was said to be the most destructive force in the universe, able to annihilate all living things and immortals that were injured by it, would even cease to regen for a time!

She instinctively moved away from them as the tiny vegetation in the vicinity disintegrated into nothingness in a matter of seconds!

Even her divine dragon was howling anxiously!

For some reasons, she was fearful for this Yi Ping...

She shook her head, "Why should I be anxious for him? The Great Lord Xuan Yuan is where my destiny lies. We will take back the three known heavens back and be freed from this accursed desolate realm. And the Great Lord Xuan Yuan will be one of the Great Gods that will lead us to victory."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smirked coldly, "Even Ninth Immortal Immortals like the Great God Pangu and the Great World Ruler Fu Xi have to stand aside when I use my Annihilating Force to its zenith. Surrender to my might and bow before me. I can spare you on account that you are a worthy warrior but only if you make a blood contract to serve me as your lord!"

Yi Ping growled, "Don't be absurd. I will never do it!"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan hummed coldly, "Then you have to face my wrath!"

As soon he had said that he had swung his crimson blade and dozens of zapping red sword energies flew out like lightning bolts!

Such was the furies of this display that the blue dragon behind the scantily dressed heavenly maiden was sliced to pieces while the scantily dressed heavenly maiden had managed to block only the first zapping sword energies before she was tossed screaming in the high by the second!

Yi Ping was startled as he flew to intercept the second zapping sword

energies and he was struck in the back by another zapping crimson sword energies that caused him to scream aloud in pain!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden dropped to the ground in shock, more shocked because Yi Ping had just leapt to save her life!

She stared at him in disbelief as she thought with great bewilderment, “Why did he save me? Doesn’t he know that we are on opposing side? Doesn’t he know that he is in the middle of a life and death duel? Why did he...”

Yi Ping clutched his swords tightly as he turned around, only to be greeted by crimson flames that were burning throughout the vicinity!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan walked through the incinerating flames as he said coldly, “These flames are even fierier than the Divine Trinity Fire. Your body should be burnt by now...”

All of a sudden he stopped in his tracks as he stared at Yi Ping!

It was because Yi Ping was being surrounded by a white aura that was extinguishing the flames to nothingness.

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was clinging to Yi Ping’s leg and her eyes were bleary as she looked at him in astonishment. The white aura was soothing and she was not affected by the burning flames. She stared at him in disbelief as she thought, “He can survive the Ninth Level Annihilating Force of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?...”

Yi Ping was also astonished by the faint white aura that was around him. He knew that this was the outburst of the Creation Universal Force that was within him and it was being brought alive by the opposing power of the Annihilating Force.

This time, it was his Fantian Sovereign that was reverberating with a melody humming and a white stellar light could be seen radiating from its middle!

Even Yi Ping was awed by it!

But he knew that this was the faint animus of the Creation Universal

Force that was enveloping him!

It was so soothing, refreshing and revitalizing, having the combination of Xingyue's Divine Rejuvenation Force and the Heaveness' Divine Invigoration Force!

When Yi Ping was being imparted the Creation Universal Force, the truth was that he could only gain only a tenth of the original Creation Universal Force. That was the law of the universe, the law of diminishing return. Powers gained was always full of risks and every new heights of attainment were only too difficult and only increase a little of the practitioner's strength. Only if they could reach the end of their attainment level then they could be stronger than the rest and they could still be killed by the rest or by the Divine Calamity.

But in this universe, the Creation Universal Force was a lawful force that directly opposes the Chaotic Desolate Force and the Annihilating Force was actually a branch of the Chaotic Desolate Force!

Before the life force energies of the Creation Universal Force could be dissipated, Yi Ping had the timely fortune to encounter an opponent of the Chaotic Desolate Force. This immediately revives the shattered Creation Universal Force that was within him to surge to 70% of the absorbed. At the same time, his Absolute Equilibrium Force that was suppressing the desolate strength of the kirin blood that was in his vein had also lost control, allowing the desolate strength that was within him to surge but this time he did not go berserk; the Creation Universal Force was in total control now as the conflicting Desolate Energies were now tamed by the Righteous Essential Energies of the Creation Universal Force!

That was not the end. Because the Fantian Sovereign Sword was actually from the Great Beyond and was bathed with the Righteous Essential Energies of the Creation Universal Force, it began to release its own Creation Universal Force with its own sanctorum power, enabling Yi Ping to double whatever energies of the Creation Universal Force that he could muster to 140%!

At 100%, that was the peak of what the Great God Pangu could achieve

when he had reached the Tenth Immortal Positioning!

At 120%, he could be able to develop the Creation Universal Force into a visible animus!

At 140% exactly like what he had now, he was able to a divine force that could be projected into a field of radius that could be capable of protecting the others!

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden had never seen this phenomenon before. She was amazed, terrified and most important of all, she wanted to ask a question and she did ask with trembling voice, "Why did you save me? I have tried to kill you earlier..."

Yi Ping answered without turning around, "I am sorry that I cannot save your dragon in time. I am sorry that I have allowed you to come to harm. This is our battle. I am sorry for dragging you into it."

The scantily dressed heavenly maiden was startled by Yi Ping's reply for she had never seen anyone with such a big heart as him. She did not know if he was pretending but her instinct told her that he was really sincere about it. This righteous air that was around him was unique and it gave strength to her...

She lowered her head to say quietly, "I am the Goddess Aeris of the Bahamut Clan..."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan had suddenly interrupted coldly, "I am impressed that you have survived my Annihilating Thirty-Three Degree Technique. This is just the foreplay and I have not fully displayed all my techniques yet."

All of a sudden he was raising his arm and blazing martial force exploded into hellish flames all around him!

Yi Ping said quickly to the scantily dressed heavenly maiden as he raised both his divine swords, "Goddess Aeris, please stay behind me!"

His mind quickly paced to think of a counterattack as he thought, "The Golden Invincible Force may be powerful but I think it may be insufficient against him. He is truly the most dangerous foe that I have



ever fought. Now that I have the Universal Force to protect me, I can finally use my Thousand Memories Swords. Alas, if only I can use both the Golden Invincible Force and the Thousand Memories Sword at the same time...”

He silently made a resolution to research how to do so one day. But first...

He raised his divine swords with a whirlwind force as six white shimmering phantasm swords began to form around him!

As he summoned the six shimmering phantasm swords, he was a little startled to find that these six shimmering swords seemed to have a life on its own. His Creation Universal Force seemed to be materializing these swords into real swords. Instinctively he knew that if he could find six more divine swords as hosts then this Thousand Memories Swords Technique could even be more powerful than the current!

But he had no time to ponder over all these now because the Great God Xuan Yuan was flying to him at a startling speed and the air behind him had the manifestation of a gigantic crimson firebird!

The Great God Xuan Yuan grinned, “This is my another technique, the Soaring Fire Phoenix. You will be incinerated into ashes at the moment of impact. You can’t block this!”

That was not a boast. The impact of this technique could incinerate any immortals that were of the Seventh Immortal Ranking and below, mortally wounded any immortals that were of the Eighth Immortal Positioning, however given Yi Ping’s present strength he could still block this technique and survived.

But Yi Ping was not prepared to fight this battle on an equal ground with his opponent as he was still conscious of the fact that he had only two-third of his strength. So any battle had to be swift!

An attack for an attack. That was what Yi Ping had been taught by the Celestial Fairy in the past!

Yi Ping immediately readied sent all his Thousand Memories Swords to

fly in a straight line toward the Great Lord Xuan Yuan!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan laughed as he continued his charge, parrying and blocking the six attacking swords aside, “Your sword energies lack the strength...”

All of a sudden a white beam of light struck his chest as he stumbled backward in disbelief!

He touched his chest and looked at the crimson blood that was in his hand as he stared blankly, “It has been ages since my golden body had last been wounded...not since the last battle with the Great God Pangu...”

He looked up to see that Yi Ping had merged his two divine swords into one long white gold divine sword!

Yi Ping had channeled the deadly sword energies of his Thousand Memories Swords through his Heaven Defying Sword. The sword energies were so intensified that it was like a beam of white light that directly penetrated through the sword energies aura of his opponent divine sword and his Annihilating Force!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan halted in his track but the crimson flames that were around him did not die down. This could only mean that he was not mortally wounded. It was not easy to kill a Great Desolate Immortal after all.

He looked coldly at Yi Ping, who did not continue to make a move, before smiling coldly. “What a good technique. Unfortunately you did not manage to kill me. That is because I would not fall for the same technique twice. Why did you make a move after you have an advantage?”

Yi Ping gave an honest reply, “That is because I have no confidence of overcoming you. Moreover I don’t want to take an advantage out of you.”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said, “But if the duel persisted, it may be hard to know who will be the eventually victor, do you agree with me?”

Yi Ping nodded and said, “Or there may be no victors.”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smiled coldly, “Very good reply. You are a

strong opponent. Perhaps that is not something that I want to find out today.”

He paused to look at Yi Ping, “Your two swords are actually a single divine sword. I don’t know how you do that. Let me ask you this. How did you get your hands on the Fantian Sovereign?”

Yi Ping replied, “I have found it just a few weeks ago.”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan was perplexed but this Yi Ping did not look like he was lying. He said, “It seems that times have changed. Ever since the World Ruler Fu Xi and I had reached the Ninth Immortal Positioning, it seems that there are several others that have reached the same immortal ranking as us. The borderland immortals have been fighting the desolate monsters for thousands of years so I am not surprise at their advancement. However it is weird, isn’t it? It is obvious that your strength is that of the Ninth Immortal Positioning but why is that I can only sense that you are only of the Seventh Immortal Ranking?”

Yi Ping gave a weak smile before answering, “That is a long story.”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said as he glanced at the Goddess Aeris, “Since we have no real feuds and tomorrow is also a day of honor for me, why don’t you come with me to the Ancient Fortress? I am curious about the vast borderlands. You can surely tell me all about it.”

Yi Ping secretly thought, “A Great God such as him will surely know more about the Borderlands than even the immortals that are there. The problem is, I don’t know a thing about any Borderlands except what I have heard from the Goddess Aeris that it is a scorching place. If I go with him then I am surely done for...”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smiled wryly, “Or are you afraid of coming with me?”

Yi Ping was perplexed as he paused to ponder, “I can’t stay in this place for too long. I need to find a way to return to my companions...”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan looked at the Goddess Aeris and said, “Come over here.”

The Goddess Aeris turned pale immediately and Yi Ping automatically moved defensively in front of her.

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan sheathed his divine sword as he said coolly, “What are you afraid of? I won’t eat you up. After all, you will be my consort tomorrow. You are defying me?”

The Goddess Aeris followed her head as she walked toward him, “My lord, your humble goddess has just got a fright and is just disorientated.”

Yi Ping was speechless as he watched her walked past him. He sighed softly to himself and asked himself, “What right do I have to stop her?”

All of a sudden the Great Lord Xuan Yuan grabbed the Goddess Aeris, groping her and kissing her forcefully while saying, “You are mine. Weird, why is that I seem to have taken a great interest in you all of a sudden?”

Yi Ping suddenly said, “Wait! I will go with you!”

No sooner had he shout it loud, he had regretted it immediately!

The Goddess Aeris gasped softly as she shook her head lightly...

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan looked at Yi Ping and lit a wry smile, “Very good. I shall show you a grand welcome to my palace in the Ancient Fortress. It seems that I didn’t find an answer to the celestial omen that is seen earlier but I have found a friend in you.”

Yi Ping could only smile weakly...

# Chapter 237: The Ancient Fortress

The Ancient Fortress was actually a gigantic floating city that was suspending in mid-air.

It was massive, extending for miles, almost like the mountain ranges!

Yi Ping wondered how this big city could stay afloat just like this. It seemed to be familiar to the Stellar Sanctuary in many ways. Could this Ancient Fortress be a mystery artefact from the Great Beyond too?

Just as Yi Ping wondered how they were going to go up, the Great Lord Xuan Yuan said, "Do you have your own stead? Why don't we fly up to the City of the Gods?"

He took a mocking glance at the Goddess Aeris at the same time. That was because he had killed her stead and could see the painful expressions that were on her.

Yi Ping thought, "The City of the Gods? He must be referring to the Ancient Fortress. So that must be its other name."

At the same time, he answered. "No, I don't have a stead. I have come alone."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan looked at Yi Ping sternly but Yi Ping returned a steadfast look at him. He laughed aloud, "I am just astonished that you do not have your own stead even though I can sniff the scent of Kirin on you."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he thought, "That must be Xiao Ping's scent."

But he said firmly, "I do not have one with me now."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said, "Doesn't matter. Follow me on foot then."

And with a flash, he had leapt on top of the ridge, "I hope that the two of you can keep up with my pace or I will be none the pleased."

The Goddess Aeris lowered her eyes and said, "Yes, my lord."

Yi Ping had no other choice but to follow him.

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan had actually taken them to the plains below.

The haste that was displayed by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan was astonishing and it had only taken them just a while to go down the plains!

Yi Ping was startled but he did not give it away. He thought, “We are supposed to go up to the Ancient Fortress but why are we going further and further away?”

Very soon Yi Ping was on the plains below but what he had seen was disturbing to him. Thousands of forced laborers were dragging heavy blocks of stones around steep stone monument pyramids!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said haughtily, “What do you think of my city? Isn’t it beautiful?”

Yi Ping said unhappily, “Your city may be beautiful but your people are suffering!”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan gave a mocking smile, “Those are our slaves. Mortals and Immortals simply don’t mix. Aren’t you a little sentimental for an Immortal?”

Just as Yi Ping was about to argue further, the Goddess Aeris said. “He is from the Borderlands, remember? No mortals can survive the scorching heat of the other side. Maybe he has been away for too long and has never seen so many mortals before.”

Yi Ping was jolted as he thought, “There are mortals here?”

His thoughts quickly translated into curiosity as he asked, “There are mortals here?”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smiled wryly, “It seems that you are really been away for too long. The mortals here are a result of a freak union between the Desolate Immortals. Normally, it is impossible for us to have any offspring. Or maybe we are actually capable of it but it rarely happens. Or it is because of this realm that we are in.”

He raised his fist, “They are mortals and their lives have little consequences to us.”

The Goddess Aeris stole a sly glance at Yi Ping as she said to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan, "Some of the mortals have actually succeeded to be the golden eyes half-immortals."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan hummed coldly, "And we have almost eliminated most of them by now. They are nothing else but trouble makers. We have actually given them a special position among us and yet they dare to incite the mortals to rebel against us. Since they want to be on the same level as the mortals then so shall it be. Only the true immortals like us, shall rule over all things."

Yi Ping hummed coldly, "You should not be so callous..."

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan stared coldly at him, "You do not tell me what to do or you will find it to be a terrible mistake..."

Just as Yi Ping was about to say something, the Goddess Aeris had pointed to a direction and hurriedly said. "Look!"

A group of eleven men were coming toward them at a startling speed and they all had scarlet eyes!

Yi Ping immediately knew that they were Desolate Immortals!

They were all Sixth Positioning Immortals except for the one leading them, who was the Seventh Positioning.

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan did not seem to be startled as he turned to look at them coolly.

The leader of the group began to bow respectfully as he said hurriedly, "Our honorable respect to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and Great Goddess Aeris, we didn't know that you are here. Your humble servant Asatru pays my respects to you."

The leader of the group looked at Yi Ping, not knowing what to address him. But anyone that was in the company of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan had to be someone of great important.

Yi Ping saw his subtle expression and said indifferently, "You can call me Yi Ping."

The leader of the group immediately said, “My respects to the Lord Yi Ping...”

All eleven of them still carried startled expressions and a lingering fear.

That was because the Great Lord Xuan Yuan had rarely descended from the Ancient Fortress except on official business and the reasons were often not good. Also, they could see that the Great Lord Xuan Yuan, the Great Goddess Aeris and this Lord Ping had just been through a terrible fight; they wondered what exactly had happened...

The Goddess Aeris smiled, “It seems that I am not used to being called a Great Goddess.”

The leader of the group shifted uncomfortably, not knowing if this smile was a sharp dagger or a beautiful compliment.

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smiled wryly, “There is no need for anyone of you to worry unduly. I just have a duel with this Lord Yi Ping. In the process, some of our steeds are lost. So I want you to take them to the Great Pyramid of Cheops and bring them up to my palace in the City of the Gods.”

The leader of the group stammered, “Yes, we will do as your sire commands...”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan interrupted coolly, “You and your men will bring them to me without any delay.”

He paused briefly to give a sly smile, “I don’t want anything to happen to my honorable guests, is that understood?”

The leader of the group immediately understood the subtle intentions so he quickly said, “I will escort them personally without any delay.”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan smiled, “What if Lord Yi Ping wants to go to other places?”

The leader of the group immediately said, “That will not happen. We have a hundred desolate immortals to watch over him!”

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan nodded and smiled, “After all, he is my



honorable guest and I don't want anything to happen to him. Do not let him off from your sight and I don't want the other immortals to talk to him. When that is done, I will give you a divine sword as a reward."

He smiled coldly, "But if you fail, I will execute all the escorts personally."

The leader of the group turned ashen and he quickly replied firmly, "I will not let your sire down!"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly as he thought, "Isn't it obvious that he is asking them to watch over me warily?"

As though the Great Lord Xuan Yuan understood what he was thinking about, he gave Yi Ping a smile. "They can't stop you if you really want to go. But you should at least talk to my consort-to-be for a little while first. After all, you won't have a lot of chances in the future."

He gave Yi Ping a blank stare as though he was saying to Yi Ping, "So your weakness is her, am I right? Then you will surely come quietly to my palace."

Yi Ping shrugged his shoulders as he sighed softly, thinking to himself. "Why did I have to get into this mess?"

The Goddess Aeris lowered her glances to say softly, "Do I have to go too? Don't I have to prepare for the day of my honor tomorrow?"

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan said matter of fact, "I will send a message to your clan for you. You will stay at my palace tonight."

When he had finished saying, he gave a mighty howling shout to the heavens!

So terrifying was his martial shout that Yi Ping and the rest were repulsed several steps from him!

And immediately, a gigantic crimson four winged dragon burst from the dark clouds at a startling speed!

Yi Ping was startled at the sight of this dragon for it was ten times bigger than the divine blue dragon that he had seen earlier!

The Great Lord Xuan Yuan laughed, “My divine stead has come. See you in a little while. If my stead can tolerate strangers, I will surely bring you up on her.”

The gigantic crimson four winged dragon slide down with thunderous explosive windforce but it never touched down for the Great Lord Xuan Yuan had already leapt onto her and in a blink of an eye, they had disappeared within the shadows of the massively Ancient Fortress!

The leader of the group said to Yi Ping with a cold smile, “Shall we go now?”

Yi Ping nodded slowly while the Goddess Aeris looked at Yi Ping discreetly before she said aloud, “So what are we waiting for? Let us move on hastily then.”

She took a look at Yi Ping before saying coolly to him, “You are really brave to fight with the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and you live to tell about it. I don’t know who you are but you are wiser to stay where you are...”

All of a sudden she gasped because Yi Ping took great stride forward as he said jovially, “What are we waiting for? I have never seen the great palace of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan before and I am all too curious about it.”

The Goddess Aeris leapt next to him and rebuked him gently, “You are too impossible. Don’t say I didn’t warn you or anything!”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, “Don’t worry. This is the fate that I have chosen for myself. My destiny is in my own hands. I am the one that choose this path so I am to be responsible for it. Don’t worry for me. I will be alright.”

The Goddess Aeris was startled as she stammered, “I am not at all worry for you!...”

But she quickly muttered, “Your fate? My destiny is in my own hands...is this possible? This is a new notion...”

The leader of the group said as he pointed to a gigantic golden pyramid, “We are going there. It won’t take us long.”

Indeed in a while time they were already on its golden steps.

Along the way, Yi Ping heaved a heavy sigh as he saw groups of hundreds pulling the mega stones that must have weighed at least a hundred tons. He shivered at the forced labor yet he knew that he was helpless to help them for his intervention would result in their deaths.

So he turned to Asatru and said, "If you are able then you should not be harsh to them and treat them humanely. This will be good for your future attainment."

Asatru was startled as he looked into Yi Ping's eyes. All of a sudden, he felt lost and confused. This Lord Yi Ping seemed to possess an enthralling aura that compels him to listen to him!

And he was shaken by it. It was because he had indeed struck at the Seventh Immortal Positioning for too long!

Yi Ping added, "The strength that we have is used to fight the strong and not to harass the weak. Only then can our level of attainment be improved."

Asatru trembled a little. Somehow what this Lord Yi Ping had said to me, sounded irresistible!

The Desolate Immortals had split into two main groups. One group had chosen to stay under the twilight zone while the other group had chosen to venture into the Borderlands, a scorching desert under the eternal sun that only the strong could survive.

He began to question himself, "Have I become so weak willed because I have chosen to stay in this place? Here, I fear the strong and harass the weak. This is not our old ways..."

He found himself liking this Lord Yi Ping so he lit a smile, "Lord Yi Ping, did you really fight with the Great Lord Xuan Yuan? How was it? You are really too daring and lucky to escape unscathed."

The Goddess Aeris said excitedly, "He! He...what do you guys know? He can even battle the Great Lord Xuan Yuan Thirty-Three Degree Technique on equal ground. So what do you think? You should have seen their epic

fight!”

Asatru the leader of the group and the rest of the Desolate Immortals had suddenly turned ashen as they looked at Yi Ping blankly!

Asatru asked, “Great Goddess Aeris, you are serious?”

The Goddess Aeris lifted her eyes to look at them as she replied coolly, “I don’t look serious?”

Asatru and the rest of the immortals looked at Yi Ping slowly as they appraised him and the two divine swords that he had on his back. They were a little afraid. That was because if this Lord Yi Ping was able to fight the Great Lord Xuan Yuan then he must also be on the Ninth Immortal Positioning. If so then there was no way they would be able to stop him from leaving if he so pleased!

Yi Ping had already walked to the entrance of the gigantic pyramid and was looking curiously at the two gigantic monument dragons that were arranged elegantly near it. He turned around to say, “Your worries are unfounded. I will surely pay the Great Lord Xuan Yuan a visit!”

All of a sudden Asatru had raised his palm as he flew to Yi Ping with a startling force!

But Yi Ping had simply raised his palm and there was a thunderous bang and Asatru was sent crashing with a thunderous impact into a mega obelisk, cracking it!

Everyone was startled, including the Goddess Aeris who called out, “What are you trying to do?”

One of the immortals shouted, “Lord Asatru!”

Asatru was trembling as he rose slowly from the cloud of debris, “I am alright...I am only testing him...”

He quickly said, “Lord Yi Ping, pardon me.”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose and heaved a soft sigh, “So that is a test?”

He looked at the rest of the Desolate Immortals before he said slowly, “It is a lucky thing that Lord Yi Ping has chosen to restrain his strength or

I won't be standing here. None of us is able to stop him unless we have the Practitioners of the Eighth Positioning here."

The Goddess Aeris hummed coldly, "I am glad that you have realized that."

Asatru smiled weakly, "Follow me. Lord Yi Ping, please forgive my rudeness. I am curious to know your strength."

Yi Ping nodded slowly as he observed that his escorts were all looking at him with weird expressions. He wondered why...

The Goddess Aeris smiled shyly at him and said, "You didn't know what you have just done, didn't you?"

Yi Ping did not know what to answer so he simply smiled weakly. It was better not to say a thing in this unfamiliar situation lest he would get into more trouble!

So he simply followed after him!

Very soon he was escorted into the deep recesses of the pyramid. There were many winding passages inside and they had come into a grand hall.

In the hall, there were many more immortals and they were all looking at Yi Ping curiously, wondering who he was.

Yi Ping could see a blue radiance pool in the middle and he could see people appearing and vanishing from it!

The Goddess Aeris said with a lingering sadness, "This gate will lead us to the City of the Gods that is above."

Asatru said loudly to the guards that were in the hall, "We are going through the gate, make way!"

A Desolate Immortal asked, "My respects to the Great Goddess Aeris. You shouldn't be here at all..."

The Goddess Aeris said coldly, "You are out of your place. I am free to go wherever I please. Moreover I am summoned by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to his palace. How dare you question me!"

The Desolate Immortal immediately stammered, "This is not what I mean. Please forgive me, your Great Goddess..."

Asatru quickly said, "Be gone! I am personally escorting the Great Goddess Aeris and Lord Yi Ping to the Ancient Fortress."

The Desolate Immortal immediately said humbly, "Yes, yes."

Asatru said aloud to the thirty or so other immortals that were in the hall, "Quickly summon a hundred others and follow me through the gate quickly!"

One Desolate Immortal was startled, "A hundred?!"

Asatru said firmly, "Gather all the sixth to the seventh ranking immortals immediately!"

Another Desolate Immortal was equally startled as he said, "If we all go through the gate, won't the Great Lords of the Ancient Fortress think that we are creating an uprising? Why do you need us to go with you?"

Asatru hummed coldly as he looked at Yi Ping and the Goddess Aeris, "Firstly, we have to ensure the safety of the Great Goddess Aeris..."

Quite a few Desolate Immortals were already muttering even before he had finished, "Who would trifle with the consort of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan? Even the World Ruler Fu Xi respects the domain of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan! Is the Great Lord Xuan Yuan really going to accord upon the Great Goddess Aeris such great honor?"

Asatru hummed coldly, "Secondly, I am under instructions from the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to escort this Lord Yi Ping to his presence. Under no circumstances must we allow him out of our sight. Gather a hundred men now. But be warned; if we fail, all one hundred of us will be executed by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan personally!"

The entire great hall was suddenly silent as all the other Desolate Immortals froze in their tracks upon hearing the message of the Lord Asatru!

But almost immediately, seven high level Desolate Immortals had

reacted as they attacked Yi Ping from all sides!

To the astonishment of all the onlookers, Yi Ping had immediately intercepted them and had floored every single one of them with a thunderous impact in all directions!

No sooner had the first seven fighters been floored, seven more additional fighters that had joined in the fray were also floored in less time than the first seven!

It was because they were not as capable fighters as the first wave.

Everyone was gasping in shock!

It was because even if it was an Eighth Positioning Immortal, it was nearly impossible to do what Yi Ping had done!

Yi Ping had reacted instinctively and out of self-defense. He was almost surprised at the ease that he had thrown off their attacks!

He thought, "Compare to the Celestial Immortals, aren't they a little too weak? Or is it because my strength is now empowered by the Creation Universal Force?"

He knew that they were testing him and had not deployed their best fighting techniques yet. So he said, "If you want to fight then you got to be serious."

The Goddess Aeris stared blankly at Yi Ping before she said bitterly, "So you are really not serious when you are fighting me..."

Yi Ping could only smile weakly to her as he said, "Lady, this is not what I mean..."

The Goddess Aeris interrupted him with an alluring smile as she looked at everyone, "This Lord Yi Ping has fought the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to a standstill. Do you think that anyone of you here will be able to stop him? Better get a thousand instead to watch over him!"

Everyone was startled as they stared at Yi Ping keenly!

They really could not tell his state of divinity or attainment!

Yi Ping was startled by the Goddess Aeris as he said hurriedly, “Lady, aren’t you trying to get me into a fix? After all, I am only here because of you...”

The Goddess Aeris looked at him coldly, “Who knows what you are really trying to do? Maybe you have an ulterior motive?”

Yi Ping protested immediately, “That is not true at all...”

She immediately smiled shyly and said, “Or maybe you are just trying to get my attention?”

Yi Ping was so dumbfounded by her latest remark that he could only blink his eyes and not knowing what to answer!



# Chapter 238: The World Ruler Fu Xi

The Ancient Fortress was a colossus city with tall towers everywhere, the likes of which Yi Ping had never seen before and it was crowded with people, the Desolate Immortals!

There were little light because all the denizens here were Desolate Immortals who were capable of darksee and the lights from the starry heavens above were sufficient enough.

But now everyone was looking at the long procession that was led by Lord Asatru and his thousand companions!

All the other Desolate Immortals of the Ancient Fortress were all looking curiously at the street procession and wondered what was going on for they had never seen so many Desolate Immortals that were from the plains below that had left their posts to form such an orderly procession!

It was obvious that they were escorting the Goddess Aeris and Yi Ping for they were in the middle of the procession!

Most of them had recognized the Goddess Aeris and not Yi Ping. But Yi Ping's aura was all too noticing and there was something about him that attracted the attention of everyone!

They began to wonder, "Who is this Great Lord that carries with him two divine swords? Who is the man that is with Lord Asatru the Captain of the Outreach Immortals?"

Yi Ping on the hand was a little awe by the city as he said to the Goddess Aeris, "So this is the Ancient Fortress, the City of the Gods! There are so many imposing towers and citadel buildings here..." This had reminded him of the citadel city that he had seen floating in the skies above when he was in Level X of the Stellar City!

The Goddess Aeris smiled and said, "It seems that you have forgotten what the Ancient Fortress has looked like. I say, how long have you been out in the desolate Borderlands?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly and said, "Very long..."

The Goddess Aeris looked at him and whispered, "You don't know how to lie? Just where are you from?"

Because she was an Eighth Positioning Immortal, she knew that it would be impossible for Lord Asatru or the others to eavesdrop on them.

Yi Ping sighed softly as he whispered in secretly back, "I am from the Three Known Realms."

The Goddess Aeris was startled as she stared blankly at him, "Really? Do you know that everyone is now hunting for the sign of the strange celestial manifestation that is seen earlier? No one exactly knows about it except that it is an outer celestial phenomenon. How did you manage to traverse across the realms? And the Great Lord Xuan Yuan seems so particular interested in your divine sword. Just who are you?"

Yi Ping whispered quickly, "I will tell you in due time. But first, we have dangerous visitors!"

The Goddess Aeris was startled as she looked at her crowded vicinity.

All of a sudden the streets became muted silent before it burst out excitedly as three imposing Desolate Immortals were seen at the front of the citadel!

Yi Ping was looking at their direction and he had become tense as he gently touched the hilt of the Celestial Alice...

He thought, "What a frightening malevolent!"

The Desolate Immortal that was in the middle wore an armor that had four wings and a half ring on top, while the female Desolate Immortal in white that was on the left had a white silver rune sword and the female Desolate Immortal in black that was on the right had a pair of black short swords!

Lord Asatru turned ashen immediately and the entire procession stopped in their tracks!

It was because the Desolate Immortal that was in the middle was none

other than the World Ruler Fu Xi, one of the two of the most powerful rulers of the Ancient Fortress!

The other two ladies were not just stunning beholden but they were equally deadly. For the lady in white was the Heaven Goddess Zero of the Guarding Heavens, a Ninth Positioning Immortal and the one in black was the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien of the Twin Eternal Darkness!

The three of them were all Ninth Positioning Immortals and were extremely powerful!

Naturally the World Ruler Fu Xi was the most powerful out of the three for he had already reached the late stage of the Ninth Immortal Positioning while the Heaven Goddess Zero and the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien were at the initial stage.

In all the Immortal Stages, there were always the initial, the intermediate and the late stages.

Yi Ping could feel their terrifying presence staring at him!

The World Ruler Fu Xi hummed coldly, “Why do you leave your post and have to bring so many up here?”

The Lord Asatru immediately said, “My honorable respects to the World Ruler. I have orders from the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to bring a guest to his palace.”

The World Ruler Fu Xi said coldly, “But what if I want to bring this guest to my palace instead?”

The Lord Asatru turned ashen immediately but he said firmly, “My lord, the Great Lord Xuan Yuan wants him...”

The World Ruler Fu Xi interrupted coldly, “So you chose to obey the commands of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and not me?”

The Lord Asatru answered with a trembling voice, “No, of course not. Everyone knows that we have to heed the commands of the two great lords. This is really a most difficult thing to do. We can’t defy the Great Lord Xuan Yuan...”

The World Ruler Fu Xi smirked coldly, “Why don’t you ask your guest over there? Maybe he wants to come with me instead before going to the palace of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan. After all, I am really curious on the connection of the celestial omen that had happened tonight and the appearance of a long lost divine sword.”

He had stopped short of mentioning the Fantian Sovereign Sword but Yi Ping had understood his intentions immediately!

The Goddess Aeris had turned ashen as she murmured softly to Yi Ping, “Please be careful on what to say. You don’t know what you are going into.”

All of a sudden a Desolate Immortal carrying a big ring weapon on both hands had walked calmly into the streets as he laughed aloud, “I am afraid that the guest of our Great Lord Xuan Yuan isn’t going anywhere.”

Lord Asatru was startled as he quickly bowed, “Great Lord Shenmu!”

Many of the onlookers were startled as they muttered, “The Great Lord Shenmu is also here?!”

The Great Lord Shenmu of the Blighted Shields was the right hand man of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and he was a Desolate Immortal of the intermediate Ninth Positioning!

The Heaven Goddess Zero lifted her petite eyes and said coldly, “You dare to defy the will of the World Ruler Fu Xi?”

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed, “I really dare not but I am sure that the World Ruler Fu Xi isn’t someone who is so unreasonable as to set his eyes on a guest of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan, am I right?”

The World Ruler Fu Xi smiled coldly, “I am just interested in what type of a guest that the Great Lord Xuan Yuan is interested to bring to his palace. That is all. I won’t want to break the peaceful accord that we have laid down over the thousands of years. After all, it is soon time for us to invade the Material Realm.”

He added a mocking smile as he emphasized slowly, “But if I do want him then no one will be able to stop me. Not even the Great Lord Xuan

Yuan.”

All of a sudden the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien had flashed forward with mocking laughter, “Our lord may think this way but we who are his servants are honor bounded to protect his prestige! What if your guest is dead before he could reach his destination?”

She was raining the sword energies of her dark swords and was aiming at Yi Ping!

The Great Lord Shenmu had interrupted the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien with his huge platinum rings as he shouted, “So if you want a fight then don’t blame me!”

The Heaven Goddess Zero had appeared over the Great Lord Shenmu at the same time in a white blinding light as she hacked her silver sword thunderous over him, causing the vicinity to resonate loudly by their clashes!

At the same time, bursting dark outbursts from the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien were flashing explosively!

The Great Lord Shenmu raised his two large rings and in the next instant, his two rings had grown twice as large as he shouted, “Giga Rings! The sanctorum power of my Celestial Striking Spheres! Zero, Xia Hsien! If you want a fight, so be it!”

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien said coldly, “We are just sparring. Do you need to utilize the sanctorum power of your divine weapon and be so serious? If so then I will need to be serious too!”

As she said that, her twin black swords became elongated dark forms and were slashing like whipping black dragons, exploding upon contact!

The Heaven Goddess Zero lit a smile as she tumbled back, “So it is finally time. I have always wondered how strong the Great Lord Shenmu really is!”

As she said that, she had burst into a white flare, revealing the true extend of her divine power.

“Aura Flare! That is the sanctorum power of my Crescent Heaven Blade!”

Immediately everyone knew that a battle between the most high immortals had started and quickly scurried to the sides!

The Goddess Aeris quickly said to Yi Ping, “Obviously they are here for you. We should retreat first. Don’t worry. With the Great Lord Shenmu around here, they can’t get you in short notice unless the World Ruler Fu Xi chooses to interfere.”

But Yi Ping quickly said, “If they are here for me then it is my own battle. I can’t let the others fight or lose their lives for me.”

In a flash, he had already raised both his divine swords and had joined the battle!

The Goddess Aeris was startled but not entirely surprised. It was because it was the combative nature of the Desolate Immortals that compelled them to fight. But somehow she had a weird feeling as she looked at Yi Ping’s back and was actually afraid for him!

Yi Ping shouted as he swept aside the sweeping dark sword energies of the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien, “Two against one is not fair. How about two and two?”

And at the same time that he had interrupted the hacking slashes of the Heaven Goddess Zero, he had also knocked her back with an upward sword arc from the Celestial Alice!

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien and the Heaven Goddess Zero were slightly startled by the explosive power that Yi Ping had just exercised!

Even the Great Lord Shenmu was startled for Yi Ping had just intercepted two Ninth Positioning Immortals at the same time!

At the same time, the World Ruler Fu Xi moved slightly and his scarlet eyes became a ring of crimson and violet!

The Heaven Goddess said aloud, “Sister, he seems to be a capable fighter. We mustn’t be careless!”

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien nodded as she deflected the attacks that were from the Great Lord Shenmu. All of a sudden, she had taken off her cloak and robe, revealing a tight fitting black wear but almost covered nothing except for her privacy!

The Heaven Goddess Zero did the same, only that her tight fitting wear was white.

Yi Ping was shocked as he felt a little dizzy as he thought, "They are fighting in their undergarments?!"

The onlookers were not surprised for they knew that the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien and the Heaven Goddess Zero had stripped only because they were trying to utilize their best combat mobility. Moreover their flimsy wears were the indestructible celestium silk!

Yi Ping was only startled because he was from a conservative culture and he was not accustomed to such an open display.

The Heaven Goddess Zero had blinked on top of Yi Ping as she raised her Crescent Heaven Blade and with a quick swing, she had sent Yi Ping to fly thunderously to the back with an explosive impact!

She immediately danced her blade forward to seize the initiative but Yi Ping had raised the Fantian Sovereign Sword and had deflected her flaring white sword aside!

He was soon upon his feet as he raised both the Celestial Alice and the Fantian Sovereign as he exchanged dozens of strokes with the Heaven Goddess Zero!

The Heaven Goddess Zero was startled as she thought, "What? He has been struck by my Crescent Heaven Blade and yet he was able to react almost immediately and seemingly unaffected?"

Actually Yi Ping's martial strength was above her but because he was startled by her revealing appearance, this had caused his resolute to weaken and he was momentarily careless.

The Heaven Goddess Zero blinked and appeared in three different positions in front of Yi Ping as she flurried her sword thrusts at Yi Ping,

“This is my Mirage Swords! I don’t believe that I can’t hit you!”

Indeed Yi Ping was in awe as the Heaven Goddess Zero had displayed a dozen strokes quickly on him before she blinked out and blinked in again to attack his unprotected flank!

He gasped out as he tried to follow her attacks, “What astonishing speed attacks!”

He invoked the speed sanctorum power of the Celestial Alice as it burst into a golden flare as he blocked all her attacks, literally dozens of them in several blinks of an eye!

The onlookers were awestruck as they tried to follow their attack strokes!

The Goddess Aeris was gasping, “He can actually keep pace with Zero. She is the well known as the Goddess of Speed!...”

The Heaven Goddess Zero turned her blade as she split into seven images, “Seven Stars Mirage!”

The onlookers were more startled because the Heaven Goddess Zero had actually used her most powerful speed technique!

When the Seven Stars Mirage was used, that meant that she could enhance her speed by seven folds!

She had totally vanished and everyone could only see blurs of her attacks as her speed attacks had evolved to hyper speed!

But Yi Ping was still composed as he swung his swords around him, deflecting dozens of attacks in a blink of an eye, startling everyone!

Yi Ping was solely deflecting the attacks based on the slightest movements and with his acute seventh sense!

He had dueled on numerous times with Shen Xingyue the Fiery Phoenix. She had taught him, “Eyes that can see cannot be seen, senses that cannot see can see. It takes a lot of strength to maintain the speed. If you able to wait it out, you will be able to have victory at the end of the ebb!”

Yi Ping knew that his opponent was taxing herself physically to execute



this move. If she could not defeat him when she had used this move of hers then she would be exposing her physical weakness.

After seven blinks, he could sense the speed attacks of his opponent weakening so he gave a great shout as three outbursts of martial force erupted around him, followed by seven hovering golden discs and at the same time he was struck by the Crescent Heaven Blade through his chest!

This was followed by a brilliant golden white flare as the form of the Heaven Goddess Zero appeared into view. She was gasping breathlessly, “When my speed is enhanced by seven folds, the strength of my sword will also be enhanced by seven folds. Even if you have the same golden body as Shenmu, it will still be a fatal blow...”

The Heaven Goddess Zero gasped as she found the Celestial Alice on her chest and the Fantian Sovereign on her throat...

Her sword had not gone through Yi Ping as she had thought. It was only her sword energies that had gone through his chest but the damage seemed to have quickly dissipated into nothingness!

Yi Ping found himself looking at her heaving bosoms as he said weakly, “Lady, if you move then I will be nasty! Your aura has weakened considerably. Trust me, it won’t be a problem for me to cut you down or cause harm to your golden body if you were to move!”

The Heaven Goddess Zero stared blankly at Yi Ping as she trembled breathlessly, “You...you...my...Seven Stars...Mirage...fails me...it’s...just...not possible...”

Up close to Yi Ping, she could feel his imposing aura overwhelming her!

For the first time, she did not know what to do, what to expect and how to handle him!

Even the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien and the Great Lord Shenmu had stopped fighting and were looking at them!

The Goddess Aeris had a hint of jealousy as she looked at Yi Ping and the Heaven Goddess Zero!

The World Ruler Fu Xi said all of a sudden, “Zero and Xia Hsien, we have already known his strength. So let’s go!”

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien was startled as she asked, “We are going just like this?!”

But the World Ruler Fu Xi had already left and only left behind his lingering words, “If ever you find the abode of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan unwelcoming then you are welcome to my place. If you ever desire anyone then I will surely fulfill your desires...”

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien shot a glance at Yi Ping and the Great Lord Shenmu, “You have heard the World Ruler Fu Xi? We are just playing with you. So don’t feel offend. The Great Lord Shenmu is indeed strong. Surely you won’t take offend at someone who is lower in positioning than you?”

The Great Lord Shenmu hummed coldly, “Usually I will execute those who dare to offend me. But for you, Lady Xia Hsien, I will let the slight go!”

The Dark Goddess Xia Hsien smiled, “That is so good to hear.”

The Heaven Goddess Zero lowered her glances as she whispered almost incoherent to anyone but Yi Ping, “I am the Heaven Goddess Zero of the Guarding Heavens. And what is your name?”

Yi Ping was startled but he quickly said, “Yi Ping...”

She whispered humbly, “Great Lord Yi Ping...my humble respects to you...”

# Chapter 239: The Warrior-Gods

Yi Ping was ushered to the palace gate of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan without further incident by the Great Lord Shenmu.

Along the way, they did not talk.

Or rather, it was inconvenience for him to ask the Goddess Aeris anything at all for the Great Lord Shenmu would be able to hear them.

Yi Ping was forced to sigh with resignation as he had too many questions to ask.

He would rather the Great Lord Shenmu to ask him something but he did not.

The Great Lord Shenmu smiled as the divine gate of the palace slowly opened and a dozen other Desolate Immortals could be seen, "We have reached."

At the sight of the Great Lord Shenmu, the guards began to shout. "Great Lord Shenmu is back!"

The Great Lord Shenmu looked at him and said, "Come on in. Aren't you curious about what the palace of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan is going to look like?"

Yi Ping nodded as he entered through the gate before saying, "Indeed!"

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed aloud, "Good! You are honest. Do you know that even the Goddess Aeris has never been here before?"

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at the Goddess Aeris who replied, "Indeed that is so. The Great Lord Xuan Yuan doesn't like visitors."

As they talked, the Great Lord Shenmu had already taken them up the spiraling stairs. As soon as they stepped on the top of the walls, they were greeted by strong furious winds as they overlooked the layout of the Ancient City!

The view was so beautiful and Yi Ping could see beautiful citadels of all sizes chaining to the Ancient Fortress. And above the Ancient Fortress

were many winged beasts of all sizes!

The Great Lord Shenmu said, “We are at the main part of the Ancient Fortress where we can see almost the entire layout.”

Yi Ping murmured, “It is so beautiful! How many citadels are chained to the Ancient Fortress? How did they stay afloat?”

The Great Lord Shenmu looked at him with a wry smile, “Surely you know that there are twelve citadels that are chained to the Ancient Fortress. Throughout the years, only two citadels remain untouched by the other Great Lords. They are the Verdant Palace of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and the Firmament Citadel of the World Ruler Fu Xi.”

He did not answer Yi Ping why the Ancient Fortress and the twelve citadels were able to stay afloat because the logic was as simple as breathing.

Even Yi Ping felt a little foolish when he had asked that. It was because he had suddenly remembered that the first time he had seen the Heavenly Relic, it was suspending itself in mid-air and yet it was heavier than it looked!

The Stellar Sanctuary, the floating islands of the Celestial Realm and many other things that he had seen were all the same, defying the laws of gravity!

But when the Great Lord Shenmu saw Yi Ping’s expressions, he laughed aloud. “You sure are a curious one. Few immortals bother to ask that. We are immortals and live outside the material plane. The material plane is bounded by the laws of gravity while we the immortals are bounded by the laws of inverse gravity. Do you get me?”

Yi Ping was stumped as he muttered, “The laws of inverse gravity?...”

Seeing his perplexed look, the Great Lord Shenmu laughed jovially. “Never mind! That is just a term that I have coined. Let’s talk about other matters!”

Yi Ping quickly said, “No, it is alright. I am curious to know more...”

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed jovially, "Maybe we shall talk about that when we are free. So what do you think of the Heaven Goddess Zero? Did she say anything to you?"

Yi Ping was startled as he murmured, "What about her?"

The Goddess Aeris hummed coldly, "Don't say I didn't warn you. She is nothing but trouble. You have better not get too involved with her."

The Great Lord Shenmu ignored her and asked Yi Ping, "Well, it is true that she is trouble and that includes her sister as well."

Yi Ping did have a question so he asked, "They are really sisters?"

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed, "They are really sisters. They are birthed from the same mountain essences. You can't tell?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he said, "Oh. I really can't tell."

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed jovially, "She has four other sisters in case you do not know!"

Yi Ping was startled, "She has four other sisters?!"

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed, "Are you thinking that the two sisters are already so hard to deal with and there are four others more?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he nodded, "If they are also Ninth Immortal Positioning then I may not be able to handle them."

The Great Lord Shenmu smiled wryly, "You don't have to worry about it. The other four sisters have long perished."

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "They are dead?"

The Great Lord Shenmu nodded solemnly, "Aye! They have perished in the war with the Great God Pangu ten thousand years ago. But don't worry. Even if they were here now, you have nothing to be afraid of them. They are only Eighth Positioning Immortals. Haha! Ten thousand years ago even I have to be afraid of them but no longer!"

Yi Ping trembled a little when he had heard that. But for some reasons, he had experienced a tingling sensation when he had heard about the

four sisters. He thought, “Why is that I have such a strange feeling that I have actually known them?...”

The Great Lord Shenmu asked, “I say, what do you think when the World Ruler Fu Xi says he will give anyone you desire? What if he were to give you the Heaven Goddess Zero?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I will not.”

The Great Lord Shenmu asked, “Why not?”

Yi Ping rubbed his nose as he replied coolly, “No one has the right to give anyone away. Moreover, she is his woman, ain’t it?”

The Great Lord Shenmu stared at Yi Ping for a while before he burst out laughing loud!

Yi Ping was startled. He looked at the Goddess Aeris as well for an answer but she could only smile weakly so he turned to ask the Great Lord Shenmu, “Why are you laughing?”

The Great Lord Shenmu stared at him blankly, “You didn’t know that the World Ruler Fu Xi and the Heaven Goddess Zero are brother and sister?”

This time Yi Ping was even more startled!

He stammered, “They are?...”

The Great Lord Shenmu said, “Of course they are! Everyone knows about it. Don’t tell me that you have been in the desolate borderlands for so long that you have forgotten?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he answered, “Yes, it slipped my mind...”

The Great Lord Shenmu asked, “So you desire the Heaven Goddess Zero or not?”

Yi Ping felt a little giddy. This Great Lord Shenmu kept asking him such embarrassing questions as though the Goddess Aeris was not around!

The Goddess Aeris seemed to be playing dumb or maybe because she knew her place only too well and did not dare to interrupt the Great Lord

Shenmu!

Yi Ping answered weakly, "Of course not!"

All of a sudden the Great Lord Shenmu became very solemn, "You desire the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien?"

The Goddess Aeris raised her eyebrows as she stared at Yi Ping...

Yi Ping was startled as he stammered, "Of course not!..."

The Great Lord Shenmu straightened himself as he looked at Yi Ping, "Well, you have better not! Or I will surely be your foe!"

Yi Ping was startled but he quickly caught on and asked, "You...fancy her?"

The Great Lord Shenmu was suddenly stammering, "Of...course... not!...nonsense! Rubbish! That is not true!"

Yi Ping was stunned by the reaction of the Great Lord Shenmu. It was all too obvious that the Great Lord Shenmu really liked the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien!

He asked all of a sudden, "Why don't you talk to her?"

The Great Lord Shenmu was startled by Yi Ping's question. But he quickly regained his composure to reply, "We are from different factions. We can only be foes..."

Yi Ping smiled, "No one says foes can't be friends as well. Why don't you look for her and give her a little trouble to get her attention?"

The Great Lord Shenmu murmured with a sudden realization, "That is right! Who says foes can't be friends as well? Haha, I am going to kick her citadel's gates later!..."

The Goddess Aeris said coldly, "My lord, the domain of the World Ruler Fu Xi is forbidden to us and we need to bear the consequences of our actions."

The Great Lord Shenmu heaved a heavy sigh, "I have almost forgotten..."

Yi Ping said, "Don't be too sad. Your destiny is in your own hands so don't be cornered by circumstances."

The Great Lord Shenmu looked at Yi Ping with a weird look, "What are you? Why is that I find that everything you say makes sense?"

Yi Ping replied almost melancholy, "I have been through a lot and almost lost everything that I have cherished...if I cannot control destiny then I am going to fight it...therefore I believe that destiny is in my hands. Xian'Er is the one that has taught me this..."

The Great Lord Shenmu and the Goddess Aeris looked at each other before appraising Yi Ping with a new look...

The Great Lord Shenmu said slowly, "Say. I have heard from the Great Lord Xuan Yuan that you have fought with him. What do you think of your chances if you are to fight him again?"

Yi Ping was surprised that the Great Lord Shenmu would suddenly ask him this question out of the blue. But this big guy did not seem to hide any malice so he replied honestly, "I am not his match!"

The Goddess Aeris smiled, "But I can see you holding your ground against him and even wounding him!"

Yi Ping looked at the starry heavens, "That is only because I got lucky and I am able to surprise him. He is right. I may not be his match if the duel were to continue further. Moreover, he had not even utilized the sanctorum power of his divine sword yet."

The Great Lord Shenmu said, "What about me then? If you fight me then who will win?"

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I may not be your match too!"

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed aloud, "You are too blunt! But I like it! Haha!"

The Goddess Aeris said quietly, "Then you are really not their match. If even you think that you are not able to defeat them then your lack of confident will be your downfall..."



But the Great Lord Shenmu was looking straight at Yi Ping. They were both locking eyes and the Great Lord Shenmu whispered in secret to Yi Ping, "But you don't seem to be afraid of us."

Yi Ping whispered in secret, "That is because I have not fought to my best yet!"

The Great Lord Shenmu whispered, "There is a small group of fighters, the most enlightened fighters of all. They will readily admit to their shortcoming yet at the same time, they are also immune to psychology pressure. It is because they will only grow stronger if their opponents are stronger, their fighting will can only increase and not decrease. And I think that you are one of them. You are a Warrior-God, the mightiest of all the warriors, a true born fighter!"

Yi Ping whispered with a soft sigh, "But I think that you are the True Warrior-God. I can sense your strength."

The Great Lord Shenmu whispered, "I can sense your strength too but for some unknown reasons that I can't really explain, I find that you are restraining your strength."

Yi Ping smiled weakly but did not reply him. It was because he had only two-third of his strength in his current form. He was astonished secretly that he was still able to hold his ground against the Ninth Positioning Immortals but knew that he was not in his best condition to fight a prolong battle with them.

The Great Lord Shenmu suddenly laughed aloud as he looked at the Goddess Aeris and Yi Ping, "We have a good view here and I hope that you will be wise to choose your sides well. Hopefully we can watch this speculator view once again. Let's us be on our way."

Yi Ping nodded as he took one last look at the citadels which the Great God Pangu once called home. For some reasons, he felt at home here for the very first time...

As soon as they descended to the palace ground, two groups consisting of seven scantily dressed maidens each could be seen walking toward them, lowering their glances humbly as they were near before greeting,

“Great Lord Shenmu, Great Goddess Aeris and Great Lord Yi Ping! We have been expecting you.”

Yi Ping observed that they were all Fifth Positioning Desolate Immortals except for the leading maidens and they were of the Sixth Positioning.

The Great Lord Shenmu commanded, “Take the Great Goddess Aeris to her resting place and the Great Lord Yi Ping to his.”

The leading maiden of the first group said to the Goddess Aeris, “Great Goddess Aeris, follow me.”

The leading maiden of the second group said to Yi Ping, “Great Lord Yi Ping, please follow my lead.”

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at the Goddess Aeris, “We are not going together?”

The Great Lord Shenmu laughed aloud, “Of course not. You can’t go to her bed chamber, especially when she is going to be the Great Lord Xuan Yuan’s new consort tomorrow!”

Yi Ping sighed softly for he still had some questions to ask of the Goddess Aeris.

The Great Lord Shenmu smiled, “Take a little rest. After which the Great Lord Xuan Yuan will like to see you.”

The leading maiden said to Yi Ping, “Great Lord Yi Ping, please follow me.”

Yi Ping nodded slowly as he began to follow her to a hallway, watched behind by the smiling Great Lord Shenmu.

The imposing hallway was large and as majesty as the Stellar Sanctuary.

For a while Yi Ping was being escorted by the seven maidens. They did not talk to them and he was a little discomfort by them, especially when their sweet fragrances were so overwhelming.

Finally they took him down a passage and he could hear flowing waters as they entered a large room.

In this room was a large bath in the middle and there were fountains everywhere.

Yi Ping was perplexed as he asked, "We are not going to a resting room?"

The leading maiden asked curiously, "Resting room?"

Yi Ping explained quickly, "A place for me to sleep."

The leading maiden lowered her glance to nod shyly, "The bed chamber, yes. After we have bathed our lord, we will accompany you."

Yi Ping was so startled by the subtle expressions of these maidens that he had wished he had never asked her in the first place!

Before he could regain his composure, he was further startled when all seven maidens had removed their robes and were also removing his robe for him!

He was so startled that he panicky said, "What are you all trying to do?"

Immediately all seven maidens began to fall onto their knees panicky as they cried out at the same time, "My lord, please be merciful to us!"

Yi Ping said quickly, "Please get up. It is not that. I...err...I just don't want to leave my swords behind even when I am bathing. Also, I prefer to bath alone."

The leading maiden was frightened as she pleaded tearfully, "My lord, please don't drive us out or the Great Lord Xuan Yuan will punish us severely..."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at their naked bodies, not knowing what to do. He cursed himself, "I may not be a gentleman but this is too much..."

So he quickly said to the leading maiden, "What is your name?"

The leading maiden was even more startled as she stammered tearfully, "I...I..."

Yi Ping quickly said, "I...er...am not going to punish you. I just want to

know your name.”

The leading maiden quickly answered almost incoherently, “I...I am...the Goddess Lessica. My...name, my title is not...worth mentioning...”

Yi Ping quickly said, “Goddess Lessica, can you stay here while you dismiss the rest?”

The Goddess Lessica was startled but she quickly lowered her glances, “I...understand and obey your will. I will...accompany my lord.”

As soon as she had said that, the six other maidens had grabbed their robes and had quietly left the bath chamber!

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh as the sight of seven naked maidens were really too much yet he found himself unable to pull away from their sights.

It was not because he was lecherous. But he was in a hostile place and he was wary. Secondly, he was too startled to react!

As soon as they had left, Yi Ping had quickly grabbed her robe and put it on her as he said. “Don’t be afraid. I just want to talk to you.”

The Goddess Lessica was startled as she stammered fearfully, “Talk...to...me? Anything...”

Yi Ping paused for a while as he thought, “It is too easy. What should I ask her first?”

Actually he was at a loss on what to ask her. He did not want her to be punished but he did not want her to be naked either...

The Goddess Lessica seemed to muster her courage as she said shyly, “Does...my lord not desire to take me?”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “Take you?”

The Goddess Lessica was flushing as she trembled lightly, “To take me into your unison...and to...enjoy me...”

Yi Ping was startled as he received a culture shock. He quickly said, “Huh, no!”

The Goddess Lessica collapsed tearfully, “Does my lord...detests me?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “Oh no, of course not. That is not what I mean!...”

As he paused to find words, the Goddess Lessica lowered her glances shyly, “I am willing to be taken by my lord as long as it pleases my lord.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he said quickly, “It is not that. I can’t harm your golden body. It is best for you this way...”

The Goddess Lessica was suddenly tearful again as she cried softly as she shivered uncontrollably, “My golden body has long been shattered by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and the other Great Lords...it doesn’t matter anymore!...”

Yi Ping was shocked as he stared blankly at her, “This, this is too cruel...”

The Goddess Lessica sobbed softly, “This is just my fate.”

Yi Ping gritted his teeth as he asked teething with rage, “Why did the Great Lord Xuan Yuan do that? This is so outrageous!”

The Goddess Lessica asked softly as she eyed Yi Ping fearfully, “My lord, you are a guest of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan. You shouldn’t have said that...”

Yi Ping clenched his fists as he trembled with rage, “I am an unwilling guest. I don’t have to be polite to him!”

All of a sudden the Goddess Lessica touched him and leaned onto his back, startling him even as she said softly, looking at him with melancholy eyes. “Maybe you are playing sports with me. Maybe you are sent by the Great Lord Xuan Yuan to test me. But please, don’t shatter my dreams just like this. Let me disappear in this beautiful dream...”

Yi Ping interrupted, “I am really not here to test you...”

All of a sudden he began to search his body as he murmured, “If my divine swords can materialize along with us then so can my possessions...”

Suddenly he yelled aloud, startling the Goddess Lessica as he said excitedly, taking out a golden pill. “This is the Divine Dragon Pill. Luckily I still have one! With this Divine Dragon Pill, surely you can recover your golden body!”

The Goddess Lessica was startled as she stammered, “This is...all too precious...” as she looked at the Divine Dragon Pill with beholden!

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he thought, “Compared to the other precious pills that are in the Stellar Sanctuary, this is actually just the most common...”

Unlike the Material Realms of the Three Known Realms, the Desolate Realm was not spiritually enriched and it was difficult to concoct even a divine pill. Therefore, the Divine Dragon Pill was indeed extremely precious!

The Goddess Lessica looked at Yi Ping pitifully, “This...this is really for me?”

Yi Ping smiled, “Really. So hurry and take it. I am waiting!”

The Goddess Lessica took it hesitatingly, almost afraid that Yi Ping was just playing a prank on her. It took her almost like an eternity before she finally swallowed the Divine Dragon Pill as she took it with trembling fingers!

The Goddess Lessica seemed to have almost regretted taking it as she took a forlorn look at Yi Ping, “My lord, you are too kind to me. I don’t know how to repay you.”

Yi Ping smiled, “No need to worry about that. Now that you are no longer crying, I am content.”

The Goddess Lessica leaned against him and said shyly, “Thank you. Your humble servant will serve you forever and...forever ever...if Great Lord Yi Ping so desires my unison anytime, your humble servant will surely comply...”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he looked at this enthralling maiden that was leaning softly on him and he could feel her bosoms against him, “No

need...”

He wanted to push her away but he did not have the heart to do so...

Therefore he could only sigh as he thought, “I shouldn’t be in this realm in the first place. I am already getting into a mess...”

The Goddess Lessica asked softly, “My lord, you seem trouble?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “I am just thinking about something.”

The Goddess Lessica asked, “Maybe you want to share it then you will feel better?”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, “Actually I am thinking about this. I have heard that the Ancient Fortress will be able to approach the Immortal Realm soon. But I am really curious how that is going to be accomplished?”

The Goddess Lessica lowered her glances as she said quietly, “My lord, if I am not wrong, you must be from the Material Realm.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly, “You know?”

The Goddess Lessica answered softly, “I have guessed that to be so. The Fantian Sovereign, divine sword of the Great God Pangu and also named after the Great Goddess Fantian. You are a Desolate Immortal from the Material Realm I guess. You are just like him.”

Yi Ping lit a weak smile and asked, “Like him?”

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, “Like the Great God Pangu. Long ago, he once tried to fight for our just cause and also fight against the other Great Gods. He who banished us to the Desolate Realm where we are now ever since.”

Yi Ping could only smile weakly for he did not know why the Goddess Lessica had suddenly mentioned the Great God Pangu.

The Goddess Lessica looked at him intently, “I have met him only once. You don’t look like him yet you share the same divine aura. I have also known the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Goddess Nuwa. Yet how strange, why is that I can sense their presences on you?”

Yi Ping's heart skipped a heart as he continued to listen. Somehow he sensed that she had actually known the Great Goddess Fantian and the Great Goddess Nuwa quite well...

She continued with soften sighs, "If the Great Prophetess is with you then you must not be a bad person."

Yi Ping was perplexed as he asked, "The Great Prophetess?"

The Goddess Lessica looked at him blankly, "Don't you know that the Great Goddess Fantian is the Great Prophetess herself? She is gifted with an extraordinary divine sight and she is the Oracle of our race."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I really do not know!"

The Goddess Lessica shook her head and said gently, "Maybe I should answer your question first."

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he said, "Yes, I am curious on how the Ancient Fortress is able to approach the Immortal Realm?"

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, "All the realms intersect one another at a point of time. The Desolate Realm will intersect the Immortal Realm every ten thousand years. A golden opportunity will arrive in a hundred year time and then the Desolate Immortals will be able to return to the Immortal Realm, our true home."

Yi Ping asked anxiously, "In one hundred year time? The timeline here is the same as the Immortal Realm?"

The Goddess Lessica replied, "It is exactly the same as the Immortal Realm."

Yi Ping quickly counted in his mind, "Then it will be a grace of a thousand years for the Celestial Realm and ten thousand years more for the Mortal Realm..."

The Goddess Lessica asked all of a sudden, "Do you think that the Great God Pangu will be reincarnated again?"

Yi Ping was startled as he smiled weakly, "Maybe."

The Goddess Lessica asked intently, "Maybe?"



Yi Ping sighed softly, "Even if he is reincarnated, he won't have memories of the past. Why stir up the past? Will it be any good?"

The Goddess Lessica lowered her glances, "Maybe yes. Maybe no. What do you think?"

Yi Ping dared not reply her. It was because he had suddenly realized that this Goddess Lessica was not just merely asking him any questions but she was also dropping enigmatic hints to him. If he was not careful, he may just fall into her carefully worded ruse!

He thought, "Should I trust her?"

She began to sing softly, "Under the heavens, only the Great God Pangu can hold the Universal Sword, what is the name of that celestial sword? What is its name?..."

Yi Ping entered into a trance as he listened attentively to her singing. It was both enthralling and beautiful...

All of a sudden the Goddess Lessica grabbed his arm tightly as she said anxiously, "My lord! You have a good heart but can I say something whether you like it or not?"

Yi Ping replied gently, "It is alright."

Mustering her courage, the Goddess Lessica whispered hesitatingly, "My lord, you ought to be careful of the Goddess Aeris."

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "Why?"

The Goddess Lessica looked away as she said firmly, "Just be careful."

Yi Ping nodded slowly as he said, "Don't worry."

The Goddess Lessica murmured, "My lord..."

Yi Ping smiled at her as he interrupted her, "Can you watch over me while I meditate for a while?"

The Goddess Lessica answered immediately, "Your humble servant will do as my lord commands."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I am not commanding you..."

The Goddess Lessica quickly said, "As my lord wills it..."

He could only smile weakly at her response before he closed his eyes to meditate upon his situation!

He cleared his thoughts as he entered the void...

He asked himself, "Where am I?"

All of a sudden he found himself standing in the great void!

He thought, "Have I left the Desolate Realm? Or am I still in my own thoughts?"

Suddenly a black hole began to form in the middle as it created rotating stars of galaxies around it!

That was the Great Attractor and that was the Great Beyond!

Yi Ping was in awe as he witnessed the pull of the Great Beyond on the other stars!

As he looked further into the Great Beyond, he began to see the planets, the suns and the galaxies.

He gasped aloud to himself as he saw a clear pattern, "Everything is just a circle?!"

If he were to travel from the start point to any direction, sooner or later, he would return to the starting point!

All of a sudden Yi Ping had an insight, a sudden realization that he had somewhat experienced the same thing before a long time ago. That was when he was the Great God Pangu!

He had temporarily gained the immortal rank of the Tenth Positioning, the very pinnacle of immortality and he could be one with the universe!

But that positioning was only temporary for reaching an extremity would only cause it to swing to another extremity, from life to self-destruction!

Realizing that too late, the Great God Pangu could only use that extremity to partition the Material Realms into the current Three Known

Realms. He would later cast the Ancient Fortress and most of the Desolate Immortals to the Desolate Realm!

Now Yi Ping knew why the Great God Pangu had lost his life; he did not have a choice!

But the Great God Pangu had the ultimate insight from the Great Beyond. He knew that he would one day be reincarnated again because his soul is an immortal soul. So he prepared the Stellar Sanctuary for his own coming.

The Stellar Sanctuary had killed one of the reincarnations of the Great God Pangu because he would be making the same mistake as the Great God Pangu.

The Universal Creation Force was so absolute overwhelming that it was just a thin line away from the Chaotic Desolate Force itself.

The Great God Pangu himself could not contain it.

But Yi Ping was different.

How different was he?

The power of self-sacrificing love that was in his heart was the force that could contain the Universal Creation Force because Yi Ping had chosen to reject this great power!

Or rather the true source of the Universal Creation Force was the Universal Love!

Just as he was about to ponder further, he was startled by a familiar maiden that shimmered in front of his vision!

And even more startled when he heard his name being called out!

“Yi Ping! Can you hear us?”

All of a sudden he saw the smiling image of the Goddess of Mercy Xiang!

The Goddess of Mercy gasped delightfully, “Yi Ping! It is really you?! Where are you?”

Yi Ping was overjoyed as he asked excitedly, “Xiang’Er! You can see me?”

The Goddess of Mercy asked, “What do you mean by I can see you?”

Yi Ping asked excitedly, “I mean, how did you appear...inside of me? Are you well?”

The Goddess of Mercy laughed softly as she rebuked him gently, “One question at a time please! “We are all well but you are not! We try to wake you up but somehow you seem to be in a deep trance. I have used my Heavens Sundering Mirror to locate you. It is all thanks to Yu’Er and Mei’Er that I am able to do so!”

Yi Ping was surprised as he asked, “Yu’Er and Mei’Er?”

The Goddess of Mercy laughed softly, “Thanks to the divine pills that you have given to them, they are able to project my search through my Heavens Sundering Mirror across the realms. We have suspected that your soul is somewhat disconnected from your body.”

Yi Ping said excitedly, “That is good. I am so glad to see you! Why can’t I see the rest?”

The Goddess of Mercy laughed softly, “You can’t see them but they are all around me and pestering me to ask you how you are now. That is because only I can use the Heavens Sundering Mirror to do so! Don’t worry, we are all alright but the Stellar Sanctuary is collapsing soon. We are more anxious about you. What happens and where are you now?”

Yi Ping heaved a soft sign of relief, “That is good to hear. It is a long story but somehow I have experienced an out of body experience and now I’m in the Desolate Realm.”

The Goddess of Mercy was startled as she cried out with shock, “In the Desolate Realm?”

But she quickly composed herself and said, “Ping’Er, listen up! It is not real. You must hurry up and get back to your own body before you get too disconnect. The longer you are away from your physical body, the more dangerous is the risk that you can’t return!”

Yi Ping thought to himself, "Xiang'Er is so anxious for me...they are all anxious for me....if I tell them that I have accidentally gained a new physical form here then they would surely be even more anxious for me..."

So he asked instead, "How can I return?"

The Goddess of Mercy faded in and out for a while. Yi Ping guessed that she may be discussing the situation with the rest of the group.

Finally she appeared again and said solemnly, "I have discussed with the rest. You must leave this realm immediately before it is too late..."

She hesitated for a while and was looking to her left and right as though as she was talking to some others before she said, "Yi Ping, focus all your thoughts now. Then will to yourself to return to your body."

Yi Ping muttered, "I can't."

The Goddess of Mercy Xiang was startled, "What do you mean by you can't?"

Yi Ping smiled bitterly, "I have already tried. But something happens now. It is a long story. I think that I will be here for a time. Don't worry about me. I will find a way..."

The Goddess of Mercy was startled, "What do you really mean? Ping, something happens? Don't lie to me!"

Yi Ping sighed, "I...I can't explain it but I will think of a way, alright?"

All of a sudden the Goddess of Mercy gasped aloud as she looked to the side.

Yi Ping was so startled by her expression that he panicky asked, "Xiang'Er, what is wrong?"

The Goddess of Mercy gasped as her image went fuzzy, "Yu'Er...she has and ...Mei'Er ... have .... Collapsed ...from ...exhaustion ...wait ...the Great Goddess Fantian and the ....Desolate Goddess Nuwa ... they..."

Yi Ping broke into a sweat as he woke up all of a sudden, only to be greeted by the soothing voice of the Goddess Lessica, "Great Lord Yi Ping,

are you well?"

Yi Ping stared blankly in the air for a while before he smiled weakly to the Goddess Lessica, "You are still here?"

The Goddess Lessica lowered her glances before she said gently, "I dare not leave unless I am dismissed by my lord."

Yi Ping smiled as he said, "Don't worry, you can leave now."

The Goddess Lessica turned ashen all of a sudden, "I will be punished if I am dismissed by my lord."

Yi Ping had suddenly remembered what she had told him earlier so he smiled weakly, "You can stay then. Sorry, I have let that matter slipped."

All of a sudden Yi Ping could pick up footsteps approaching!

The Goddess Lessica quickly whispered, "My lord, they are here to check on us. You mustn't trust any of them. You must bring me to your bed chamber so that we can discuss more..."

Yi Ping was startled as he stammered, "Bring you to the bed chamber?..."

The Goddess Lessica whispered quickly, "Trust no one at all please except for me. Not the Great Lord Shenmu, not the Great Goddess Aeris or the Great God Xuan Yuan. I beg of you. Please accede to my request. It is important..."

All of a sudden the door swung open and a leading maiden with a dozen panicky maidens had followed behind her!

This leading maiden was elegant, with silver flowing hair and Yi Ping was immediately startled by her imposing aura!

On her forehead was a curved red sigil that imposed a suffocating presence on Yi Ping and everyone else.

Yi Ping was alert immediately because he knew that she was no ordinary Desolate Immortal!

And she did not mask her imposing presence as that of the Ninth

Positioning Immortal!

But that was not the most startling to Yi Ping but the fact that she seemed to resemble Xian'Er in many ways startled him!

The Goddess Lessica was also startled because it seemed that she had not been expecting her as she quickly greeted her panicky, "Lady Alluring Goddess Theresa! Your humble servant bows before you... "

The Alluring Goddess Theresa chuckled softly, "Disperse with that. I am just a visitor. I have heard that we have an interesting guest here that dares to fight with two Great Goddesses from the World Ruler Fu Xi's camp? I like to have a little look at him!"

She immediately paused as she chanced upon Yi Ping as she heaved a soft sigh, "You are the one? What an impressive air you got there."

She looked genuinely impressed as she appraised Yi Ping quietly, "So you are the one that beat up those two irritating bitches?"

Yi Ping could almost see her through her scantily dressed robe as he looked away.

The Alluring Goddess Theresa laughed softly as she looked at the Goddess Lessica, "I am slightly disappointed that he didn't take you yet or I am interrupting? Oh excellent!"

As Yi Ping turned his sight away from her, he was secretly thought. "She got baleful eyes but why is that when I look at her, I saw the reflection of Xian'Er that is in her?"

The Alluring Goddess Theresa laughed softly as she raised her fingers, "I am the Alluring Goddess Theresa of the Oracle Clan. You may also address me as the Mystery Goddess Theresa or the Mystery Goddess. So he is the Great Lord Yi Ping that everyone is talking about? But why is that this great lord is not looking at me? How rude!"

Immediately Yi Ping was ashamed as he quickly bowed, "You can just call me Yi Ping. Can I know what you want?"

The Alluring Goddess Theresa laughed softly, "Good! Now you are

talking properly. What do I want? I want to take you to my Oracle Citadel now.”

Immediately all the other maidens began to turn ashen as they all fell down on their feet as they all cried out together, “This won’t do! Have mercy on us! The Great Lord Xuan Yuan will punish us severely!”

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, “Why are these maidens so afraid of her? Why does she want me for? Why is she defying the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?”

All of a sudden a frightening malevolent air had appeared at the entrance and all the other maidens were ashen at the voice, “This is my domain. You shouldn’t be here at all. Now leave or else I won’t be polite and don’t forget about our agreement!”

Yi Ping had clearly recognized the voice of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and he could sense his presence but he did not appear.

The Alluring Goddess Theresa smiled at Yi Ping before she walked to the entrance as she said aloud, “I am just curious who you have brought to your palace. I am just taking a look and will leave anyway. Say, you don’t want to come in or something? That is so unlike you. I have brought a gift for you for your great day tomorrow.”

The voice of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan answered, “No thanks.”

All of a sudden the Alluring Goddess Theresa had turned back and there was a sudden flash of her eyes that stunned everyone motion in place, including Yi Ping!

Yi Ping was startled as he looked at her. But even without her saying a word, somehow he knew that she was looking at his divine swords!

She simply muttered almost incoherently but Yi Ping was the only one who could hear her before she left the bath chamber, “Fantian, so you are here. So it won’t be long before the great battle starts.”

When the Alluring Goddess Theresa exited the room, all the other maidens heaved sigh of reliefs!



Quite a number of them had broken into cold sweats, including the Goddess Lessica!

Yi Ping asked the frightful Goddess Lessica and looked at the other maidens as well, “Just who really is she?”

The Goddess Lessica whispered quietly as she shivered with fear, “You may not know this but she is currently the number one expert exponent in the Ancient Fortress.”

Yi Ping was stunned as he blinked blankly, “She is the number one expert exponent? Then what about the World Ruler Fu Xi and the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?”

The Goddess Lessica whispered, “They are the two most ancient great lords of the Ancient Fortress and therefore are not ranked. Moreover, they are already late stage Ninth Positioning Immortals. She is a Ninth Positioning initial Immortal.”

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, “I have thought that she is a late stage Ninth Positioning Immortal. So even the Great Lord Shenmu is at a higher positioning than her so how can she be ranked at number one?”

The Goddess Lessica smiled faintly, “When she was at the Seventh Positioning, she was already capable of bring down a Ninth Positioning Immortal, the Great God Aloma. No one knows how she did that. Those that went to her Oracle Citadel never come back except for the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and the Great Lord Shenmu. No one knows exactly what happens back then because none mention a single word. We only know that since then, the Alluring Goddess Theresa is free to come and go here.”

Yi Ping thought as he looked perplexed, “Then she is a consort to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?”

The Goddess Lessica laughed softly as she looked at Yi Ping’s expressions, “You sure don’t know how to hide your thoughts? Are you thinking that she is a consort to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as he rubbed his nose, “I...I am just wondering...”

The Goddess Lessica replied shyly, “You seem to be really interested in her?”

Yi Ping quickly said, “Oh no, I am just curious...”

She said quickly, “In any case, why don’t we talk more in the pleasures of the bed chamber?”

Yi Ping smiled weakly as the subtle hint in her eyes warned him that it was unwise to discuss it here so he said, “Yes, yes. Let’s go now...”

He hesitated for a while before saying loud, “Let’s go now to the bed chamber then. Lead the way then.”

Immediately all the other maidens hastily got up and gather around Yi Ping to tidy his clothing before they escorted him out of the room.

Yi Ping was thinking to himself, “The Goddess Aeris and the Goddess Lessica, who do I trust? The Alluring Goddess Theresa, the Heaven Goddess Zero, the Dark Goddess Xia Hsien, the Great Lord Shenmu, the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and the World Ruler Fu Xi, they are all formidable opponents...it will be disastrous for the Immortal Realm when they returned...”

# Chapter 240: The Goddess Lessica

The bed chamber was not exactly big but spacious enough. It had a bath tub behind a wall screen, a small carpet hall and of course a bed.

Yi Ping took a quick look as he asked, "There is no table or chairs?"

The Goddess Lessica was puzzled as she asked, "Huh? Table or chairs?"

Yi Ping said awkwardly, "Never mind that..."

He had realized that the more he had asked, the more he was giving himself away even though he was able to pick up languages rapidly with his innate enlightenment.

Like the Celestials, they were likely to sit on the floor rather than the chairs...

The Goddess Lessica whispered, "The others are under instructions to spy on us. You have specific request for me so that is why I am here. But afterward, I will have to report everything that you have said and enquired to the Great Lord Xuan Yuan. You know, the Great Lord Xuan Yuan is really curious about you and I have never seen him like this for ages."

Yi Ping heaved a soft sigh, "Thank you for telling me so much."

The Goddess Lessica lowered her head shyly, "You can ask me anything you want. This is...a repayment of your kindness to me. What does my lord want to ask of me first?"

Yi Ping pondered for a while before he asked, "This Alluring Goddess Theresa, who is she?"

The Goddess Lessica laughed softly, "You say you are not interested in her but the first thing that you have enquired is her."

Yi Ping smiled weakly, "I just found her intriguing."

The Goddess Lessica smiled shyly, "I am just teasing my lord. I hope that my lord won't mind and pardon my impudence."

Yi Pig quickly said, "Of course not!"

The Goddess Lessica whispered, “The Alluring Goddess Theresa is from the Oracle Clan. She resides in her Oracle Citadel to the north of the Ancient Fortress. Trust me on this, she isn’t someone that you want to mess with or want to acquaint with.”

Yi Ping glanced at his Fantian Sovereign as he murmured, “She seems to have recognized my divine sword...”

The Goddess Lessica said, “That is because she is the younger sister to the Great Goddess Fantian. Of course she knows it.”

Yi Ping was stunned as he muttered, “She is the younger sister to the Great Goddess Fantian?!”

Yi Ping was not as dense as he appeared. He stared at the Goddess Lessica and asked solemnly, “Just who are you? You recognize my divine sword too?”

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, “I do recognize the Fantian Sovereign. I am what you know.”

Yi Ping thought, “Obviously she is hiding something. There is a subtle shift in her eyes...”

But that was her personal secret and he did not want to force her as he thought, “I don’t have the right to force her to reveal her secrets. It doesn’t matter. I am just a stranger here.”

The Goddess Lessica lowered her voice even softer, “There is something that I want to say to you that I can’t say earlier. You may be interested to know about it.”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “Yes?”

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, “But before I can tell you this, can you tell me where you are really from?”

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, “Should I trust her? Maybe she is a spy from the Great Lord Xuan Yuan after all...”

But he quickly cursed to himself, “So what? She has not harmed me yet, right? Moreover I am not exactly in the best of situations. I don’t even

know if I can return to the Stellar Sanctuary now. I shouldn't have doubted her. What if she really meant well then I would have wronged her..."

Yi Ping prided his personal honor above his better common sense. There were many instances where the other maidens nearly fainted at his stupidity and had felt he should exercise caution against a stranger. But that was Yi Ping and in the end, the other maidens had to admit that what Yi Ping had done was actually the smart thing to do and that he had the 'foresight'.

But of course he did not have any foresight at all. It was just a matter of trusting this Goddess Lessica or not. What would he choose then? What decision would he make? This was a matter of life and death!

Yi Ping sighed softly, "My name is really Yi Ping. As from where I am from, I am not from the desolate borderlands as the Goddess Aeris has said. She didn't know either. I am from the Celestial Realm."

The Goddess Lessica looked at him curiously, "You are not from the Immortal Realm and is from a lower realm?"

Yi Ping shook his head, "If you want to know where I come from, that is it. But how did I come to be here, I do not know either!"

The Goddess Lessica looked at him intently as she murmured, "Impossible. The distances between the realms are simply too vast. Moreover, the Celestial Realm is a lower realm..."

She looked at Yi Ping before saying, "But I don't think you are lying or I will surely know."

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, "She can discern if I am lying?"

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, "My lord, your attainment must be exceeding in order to traverse across the realms or maybe it is because that is the desire of your divine sword."

Yi Ping was startled as he asked, "My divine sword? My Fantian Sovereign?"

The Goddess Lessica nodded, "All divine weapons have a will of their own so that is not surprising. Moreover the Fantian Sovereign hailed from the Ancient Fortress."

Yi Ping asked, "The Fantian Sovereign hailed from the Ancient Fortress?"

The Goddess Lessica nodded, "It hailed from the Oracle Clan in fact. The first mistress to the Fantian Sovereign is none other than the Great Goddess Fantian!"

All of a sudden she drawn close to Yi Ping as she sniffed, "And you have the scent of the Great Goddess Fantian on you..."

Yi Ping was startled as he thought, "She can really tell?"

She quickly smiled shyly, "Maybe you know, maybe you do not know. The Great Goddess Fantian is the number one exponent among the Desolate Immortals."

Yi Ping blinked his eyes, "She is? What about the World Ruler Fu Xi and the Great Lord Xuan Yuan?"

She heaved a soft sigh, "So it seems that you really do not know. Indeed, she is ranked as such. But now she is no longer here so that honor goes to her sister, the Alluring Goddess Theresa now. They are actually one of the most ancient Desolate Immortals around and moreover, they are able to discover their limits in battle and are able to surpass it, far more than any Desolate Immortals. That is why the Alluring Goddess Theresa is currently ranked at number one. Maybe even on par with the Great Lord Xuan Yuan and the World Ruler Fu Xi!"

Yi Ping thought excitingly to himself, "If the Alluring Goddess Theresa is the sister to Xian'Er, then she may be the only one that I can trust..."

The Goddess Lessica said quietly, "I know what you are thinking. Are you planning of allying with the Alluring Goddess Theresa?"

Yi Ping smiled faintly, "You...you can read my thoughts?"

The Goddess Lessica chuckled softly, "No, I can't. It is just that you are

so easy to read. I just did a lucky guess.”

Yi Ping was slightly relieved as he muttered, “So I see...”

The Goddess Lessica whispered gravely, “Great Lord Yi Ping, please listen to me. The Alluring Goddess Theresa has a personal vendetta with the Great Goddess Fantian for forsaking clan honor and for betraying the Desolate Immortals. You must always remember that. And it is obvious that she has taken notice of you and your divine sword. She will surely claim the Fantian Sovereign as her own.”

Yi Ping smiled weakly at that but he was also perplexed at the same time. It was because he had suddenly realized that this Goddess Lessica was not as simple as she seemed!

The Goddess Lessica said shyly, “The Great Lord Xuan Yuan will surely request for you to pick a maiden as your desirables. That is because he wants you to join his camp but that does not mean that he trusts you. It is better than you joining his rivals. So he will entice you to choose the Great Goddess Aeris but you must never choose her. When the time comes for you to pick a goddess for yourself, you must choose me.”

All of a sudden she had clung onto Yi Ping as she whispered almost incoherently, “You have to choose me, don’t forget...”

Yi Ping was stunned at her sudden closeness. Just as he was about to push her away, she moaned softly. “Don’t. They can sense our movements in this chamber. Don’t give the game away...”

The Goddess Lessica added softly, “You must give them an impression that you have formed an attachment to me. Only then can you have the excuse to justify your request. Am I right?”

Yi Ping nodded slowly as he sensed two strangers that were standing outside the room. These two strangers were experts in concealing themselves but Yi Ping had received plenty of training from Yixian and Youxue in sensing the invisible opponents. Moreover, his state of divinity was really much higher than the watchers as well.

As the Goddess Lessica cuddled on him, she said gently. “In just a few

hours, you will have to see the Great Lord Xuan Yuan so it is better for you to have as much rest as possible, alright?”

He nodded slowly but at the same time he was already pondering his current situation, “So this is the Desolate Realm and I am now in the company of the Desolate Immortals? Except for the Eighth and Ninth Positioning Desolate Immortals, why does it seem that they are generally weaker than the Celestial Immortals? I think that even Alice, Xiang’Er, Lele, Xingyue and even Yu’Er are all on par with the Eighth Positioning Immortals. No, Alice is superior to the Goddess Aeris in many ways. I saw her withstanding the tremendous impact of the Abominating White King Ape (See Chapter 184)...”

He paused as he thought excitedly, “If my guess is correct, they are indeed stronger than most of the Desolate Immortals here! That is because they carried with them the blood lineage of the Great Goddess Fantian! Moreover the spiritual levels of the Three Known Realms are much higher than here, allowing them to further develop their own techniques.”

“So that means that the Heavenly Kings of the Immortals may not be weaker than most of Eighth Positioning Desolate Immortals here. The Western Paradise Heavenly King is currently at the Seventh Immortal Positioning so he should be on par with the initial or intermediate Ninth Positioning Desolate Immortals here? But compare to the late stage Ninth Positioning Desolate Immortals like the World Ruler Fu Xi and the Great Lord Xuan Yuan, it is impossible to surpass them yet. Even I, do not have the confident to do so...”

“No wait. The Ancient Desolate Immortals should be spiritually enriched in the Immortal Realm already and they won’t be weaker than the Celestial Immortals. Alas! No matter what I think about this, this conflict will be a total disaster for the Immortal Realm!”

“Great Lord Yi Ping?...” It was the voice of the Goddess Lessica calling out for him, “Are you alright?”

Yi Ping snapped out of his thoughts immediately as he replied quickly,



“I am alright.”

He hesitated briefly before he asked, “Can I know something? Who exactly are you? I have already told you my background.”

It was because he had already determined that the Goddess Lessica seemed to be hiding something from him...

That was because he had seen too much of the intrigues of the Martial Fraternity and the Celestial Realm. Over the years, he had grown wiser as well.

But some things shall not change, will not change!

He will not force anyone to bend their will to him!

The Goddess Lessica lowered her glances, “I...I will tell you after I have regained my freedom...”

She added quickly as she looked melancholy at Yi Ping, “Please believe me. I have no intention to deceive you or to make use of you. I...I have my own difficulties. I hope that you are able to understand it. I really have no other choice.”

Yi Ping smiled gently, “Don’t worry about it. I understand.”

The Goddess Lessica sighed softly, “You are a good man. I know that I cannot force you to choose between the Goddess Aeris or myself. And you make no promise either.”

Yi Ping was startled as he quickly sought to explain, “I...don’t know...I need to think. I am sorry...”

The Goddess Lessica smiled gently, “That is alright. I understand as well.”

Yi Ping was startled by her reply but before he could say anything, she said gently. “Great Lord Yi Ping, I must tell you two things.”

Yi Ping asked curiously, “Yes?”

The Goddess Lessica whispered gently, “The first thing is that you must watch out for the left side of the Great Lord Xuan Yuan carefully. That is

because his stronger hand is exactly his left. That is his greatest secret!"

Yi Ping was startled. That was because he really could not tell. Lele was left-hander but she had a tell-tale sign. When he had fought with the Great Lord Xuan Yuan, he really could not tell!

He quickly said sincerely, "Thank you! I didn't know!"

The Goddess Lessica smiled gently, "Secondly, there is little spiritual nourishment in the Desolate Realm unlike the Material Realms. If you want to recover quickly, you ought to know the rules of this realm quickly. For example..."

She lowered her eyes shyly before saying, "You can only replenish your vitality by engaging in unison with another..."

Yi Ping flustered quickly because the Goddess Lessica was cuddling him even tighter now and that she had left her robe slip!

The Goddess Lessica whispered, "There are watchers outside. A mere act will not be able to convince them, am I right?"

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